



The Sports Whirl
By Bob Miller

The Result—

You're guess is as good as ours concerning the outcome of the conference basketball race. . . Here is the way it stands now. . . Kansas by remaining aloof of conference teams for the past half week saw themselves in a tie for the top spot on one occasion, saw themselves lose it and then finally saw themselves gain undisputed lead. . . All without playing a game. . .

The Situation—

A week ago Monday night the two teams were tied for the top position with six wins and a single loss for each. . . Then Oklahoma swung north and outlasted Nebraska to creep up to seven and one for a record. . . On last Monday night Iowa State, nemesis to league leaders, clung to a slender lead to win out by a 46-43 score. . . That swept the Sooners off the top rung since the leader's place is decided by percentages. . .

The Friday night game at Norman will be a darb since it will decide the eventual winner. . . Gerald Tucker, Oklahoma's sophomore sparkplug, hit for 25 points against Iowa State as his answer to what he will do when he gets going against K U. . . Charlie Black garnered an even 25 when Kansas met Oklahoma in the season's opener for both schools. . . Tucker was on the sidelines due to an eligibility ruling and so was not able to help his team mates as they lost, 54-32. . .

Solons Meet—

This week marks another important event as the Big Six solons gather around the council table to decide the matters demanding attention. . . Chief among these is the proposal for all Big Six schools to make freshmen eligible to compete in conference athletics. . . There are two decided schools of thought on the subject and campus have been set up in anticipation of the battle that probably will be forthcoming. . .

Presnell Not in Favor—

New coach Glenn Presnell has stated that he does not favor the plan. . . Wallace Wade, Duke coach, said when the movement to have freshmen compete gained momentum that in his opinion if subsidization had happened before after the proposal was in force there would be wholesale auctioning so to speak. . . Attention—Phog Allen—what will this mean to the Big Six if what Wade says is true? . . .

Some Action Imminent—

It seems to me that some action must come out of the meeting since the war has nearly wrecked athletic plans throughout the nation. . . It may come in the form of allowing freshmen to compete or it might come by making physical education compulsory throughout the conference. . . As to the latter there hasn't been much action supporting it but if the former falls through it may be one way to accomplish the desired results. . . As far as sports are concerned the desired result is to get the majority of college men actively participating in some kind of sports. . .

Smaller Schools Desire It—

The pressure put on by the smaller schools in the conference is probably strong enough to allow the frosh to compete with the varsity. . . Their ranks have been depleted by the draft, etc. and the idea would help out materially. We'll know by this time next week. . .

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Underconfident and . . . Modest KU Jayhawks Brood About Their Approaching Tilts . . . We'd Worry Too

LAWRENCE, Kas. Feb. 24—Its record of 13 victories and only 2 defeats notwithstanding, the University of Kansas basketball team will go into its next two games as the underdog.

The Jayhawks embark on a road trip Tuesday which takes them to Stillwater for a game with Oklahoma A. & M. Wednesday night and then on to Norman where they clash with the University of Oklahoma quintet, Friday evening.

Home Court Jinx.

The home court jinx which prevails in the Kansas-Oklahoma A. & M. rivalry has resulted in the Jayhawks not beating the Cowboys at Stillwater since 1930 and A. & M. never having succeeded in winning a game played at Lawrence.

Kansas' narrow margin of victory over the Cowboys last Friday in the game at Lawrence, 31-28, would indicate that A. & M. is ready to uphold its end of the jinx when the two teams meet at Stillwater.

Defensive Tactics.

The defensive tactics of Coach Henry Iba's team limited the Jayhawks to seven field goals, about one-third of their usual quota. Of those seven buckets, four came on long shots.

Falling back on free throws, Kansas cashed in on 17 of its 24 chances to provide the winning tallies. A. & M., usually death on free throws, had its worst night

of the year, making only 6 and missing 12.

Ballard Improves.

Jack Ballard, 6 foot 6 inch sophomore, helped the Jayhawks' rebounding game considerably when he went into action and may be used more frequently during the remainder of the season.

Ballard's height may come in particularly valuable when Kansas plays O. U., the tallest team in the Big Six. With Gerald Tucker at 6' 4 1/2", Paul Heap 6' 4" and Richard Reich 6' 2", the Sooners have all the height in their starting lineup that any team needs for rebounds.

Before Tucker.

Kansas trounced the Tuckerless Sooners 54-32 at Lawrence in the opening Big Six game of the season, but Oklahoma rallied to win seven consecutive conference tilts.

A problem Kansas didn't have to worry about in the other game, stopping Tucker, will be of prime importance in the contest Friday night. Likely choice for the job is Tucker's old high school rival, Ray Evans, who has played brilliant ball on defense all season.

History May Repeat; Iowa State Hopes . . . That It Does

AMES, Iowa, Feb. 24—History may repeat itself in the Big Six swimming meet at Ames March 6-7, but it is going to need a lot of help.

Year after year the winner of the Iowa State College-University of Nebraska dual meet has captured conference honors. Accordingly, Iowa State should be the 1942 champion.

Tie with K-State.

But a two-day tour through Nebraska and Kansas last weekend brought up a few arguments which may change the color of the flaming red hair of Jack McGuire, Cyclone coach. McGuire, coaching his first college team after a successful career at North Des Moines high school, saw his team defeat Nebraska for the second time this year and then escape with a lucky tie against Kansas State.

Kansas State finished seven points back of the winning Cyclones last year. Winners of exactly one-third of the Wildcat points are back this year plus new

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Littler, Nebraska	6.2	Smutz, Nebraska	*7.5 7.6
Match'ns, Oklahoma	6.2	Darden, Kansas State	7.6
Joggers, Missouri	6.2	King, Nebraska	7.7
Walters, Missouri	*6.2 6.3	Wright, Oklahoma	8.0
440-YARD DASH.		LOW HURDLES.	
Lyda, Oklahoma	50.0	Sny, Missouri	6.9
Littler, Nebraska	*50.1	Smutz, Nebraska	*7.0 7.0
Conner, Nebraska	51.3	O'Hara, Missouri	7.1
Upham, Kansas State	52.2	Darden, Kansas State	7.2
880-YARD RUN.		SHOT PUT.	
Lyda, Oklahoma	*1:56.5 1:58.5	Wibbels, Nebraska	49-6
Ginn, Nebraska	*1:57.2 2:00.0	Aussleker, Nebraska	49-4
Rayl, Missouri	1:59.4	Schleich, Nebraska	*49-1 48-8
Miller, Kansas State	2:01.2	Bogdanovich, Iowa State	46-5
MILE RUN.		POLE VAULT.	
Ginn, Nebraska	4:18.4	Hunt, Nebraska	*13-10 1/2 13-9
Russ, Kansas State	4:20.9	Rothwell, Missouri	13
Edwards, Kansas	4:29.7	Debus, Nebraska	12-8
Smethers, Oklahoma	4:30.7	Nelson, Kansas State	12-8
TWO-MILE RUN.		HIGH JUMP.	
Smethers, Oklahoma	*9:36.9	Steffey, Missouri	6
Ginn, Nebraska	9:53.8	Rubcam, Iowa State	*4 ft 5-10
Russ, Kansas State	9:55.5	Meyers, Missouri	6
Borthwick, Kansas State	9:56.9	King, Kansas	5-10 1/2
BROAD JUMP.		MILE RELAY.	
Farris, Oklahoma	22-11 1/2	Nebraska	3:31.2
O'Hara, Missouri	22-5	Kansas State	3:32.4
Martin, Iowa State	*22	Missouri	3:32.4
		Missouri	3:35.2

BIG SIX INDOOR RECORDS.

60-yard dash—6.3, Littler, Nebraska, 1940; Walters, Missouri, 1941.	60-yard low hurdles—7.0, Smutz, Nebraska, 1941.
440-yard dash—50.1, Littler, Nebraska, 1941.	Mile relay—3:26.9, Iowa State (Winders, Haugebak, Dahl, Graves) 1941.
880-yard run—1:56.5, Lyda, Oklahoma, 1941.	Shot put—50 ft. 2 1/2 in., Hackney, Kansas State, 1940.
Mile run—4:28.4, Munsik, Missouri, 1940.	High jump—6 ft. 2 1/2 in., Stoland, Kansas, 1941.
Two-mile run—9:36.9, Smethers, Oklahoma, 1941.	Broad jump—22 ft. 10 1/2 in., Jones, Kansas, 1940.
60-yard high hurdles—7.5, Smutz, Nebraska, 1941.	Pole vault—13 ft. 8 1/2 in., Hunt, Nebraska, 1941.

PREVIOUS WINNERS BIG SIX INDOOR TRACK MEETS.

Year	Winner	Points
1929	Oklahoma	39
1930	Nebraska	51
1931	Nebraska	40
1932	Nebraska	42 1/2
1933	Oklahoma and Nebraska tied	33
1934	Kansas	41 1/2
1935	Kansas State	36
1936	Nebraska	46
1937	Nebraska	50
1938	Nebraska	38
1939	Missouri	35 1/2
1940	Nebraska	35 1-5
1941	Nebraska	47

strength which may move the second place team into first. Yeo is certain to win both the 60 and 100-yard free style events, and Ruckman is good enough to beat Slater of Iowa State for first in the breast stroke.

Les Oldfield Back.

From Nebraska will come the back stroke winner in Les Oldfield, defending champion and record holder. A new record is in prospect here since Ward Sear, captain of the Iowa State team, forced the Cornhusker star to a 1:44.6 figure at Ames this season.

Oldfield is the only individual champion returning from the 1941

meet but the entire Cyclone medley relay team is back. Bill Bosworth, Ward Sear and John Slater turned in a 3:17.9 record last year.

Miss Leverton Attends

Home Ec Meet in Chicago

Miss Ruth M. Leverton of the home ec department left Feb. 19 for Chicago to attend a national conference of experiment station workers. Professor Leverton is a member of the work-plan committee of the north central region of experiment stations planning cooperative research on conservation of nutritive value of foods.

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