

Wes Pops Off

Santee Getting Big-Head? Remarks Indicate That

By GARY FRANSEN Sports Editor

Wes Santee, the University of Kansas' fine miler, is generally regarded as an athlete who loves to talk about one thing or another. Frequently the Jayhawk distance ace comes out with a statement or two that mildly raises some eyebrows, but Saturday he let loose with a few untimely remarks which irritated many immediately after reading them.

Santee, still striving to reach every miler's goal, the magic four-minute mile, was competing in a dual meet against the Kansas State Wildcats on a sloppy track in Manhattan. From the remarks that came out of that meet, the general impression seems to be that success might have temporarily gone to Santee's head.

From the reports Santee made his big bellow over a bitter disagreement with Starter E. A. Thomas, a veteran track official. Thomas apparently "called down" the Kansas whirlwind for "coaching" a teammate in an early race. The veteran starter instructed Santee to keep in his stall while he wasn't competing, but Santee contended that was no rule against his encouraging teammates during races.

Thomas, commissioner of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, on the other hand, insisted he was following the rules in running the meet and had the right to order Santee to refrain from coaching.

REGARDLESS OF who was right in the matter and it appears to us that a veteran track starter and official like Thomas would certainly know what is right and what is wrong in the running of a track meet, Santee was out of line in making the remarks he did after being approached on the matter.

This is precisely what the cowboy-boots wearing Santee had to say on the controversy: "I was badly upset even before the 880 started." Incidentally Santee won the 880 run in his slowest time of the season, a 1:53.5 effort. "I wouldn't want my name connected with a record in which Thomas was the starter."

We simply can't understand why Santee made a remark like that last one. Even if Thomas was wrong in reprimanding the Kansas ace the statement was definitely of the off-collar variety. Openly criticizing a veteran track official who probably has run off more meets than Wes has ever run in certainly didn't increase Santee's popularity any.

To many, including your truly, it looks as if Santee would have still run a stow half mile even if the track conditions had been in A-1 shape just to keep his name off any record books that involved Thomas. Right or wrong, it was one h... of an attitude for Santee to take.

It makes one wonder further whether Santee is just one big-headed individual who can take no personal criticism or just a spoiled, disillusioned track ace. Santee has made similar remarks before, but his latest pop-offs are the strongest yet.

THE KANSAS miler, undoubtedly one of the greatest of all time, has his name involved in a multitude of track records. His accomplishments are many in nearly every middle distance run or relay.

For example, Santee holds the American record for the fastest mile ever run, a brilliant 4:02.4 performance at the Compton Invitational last June. He has other numerous records in runs both shorter and longer than his pet race of 5,280 feet. His name is also connected with a flock of relay records, the latest coming in the Kansas domination of Drake Relays.

To be sure, Wes Santee is certainly one of America's, if not the world's greatest track and field performers; but according to his more recent remarks maybe some of that fantastic success has gone overboard with Santee.

Santee should concentrate more on rewriting his name into the record books and attempt to beat such capable rivals as Australia's John Landy and American Mal Whitfield to the unprecedented four-minute mile instead of blowing off with such unnecessary remarks that came off Saturday. Come on, Wes, get with it.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Outfield Mainstay

One of the Husker mainstays in the outfield is versatile Bill Giles. Giles, usually found in left field, is hitting the ball at a .269 pace, fifth highest on the squad, going into Tuesday's doubleheader.



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Leading Husker Hitter

Fred Seger, regular Husker second baseman, is currently the team's top batter. Going into the doubleheader with the Kansas State Wildcats Tuesday, Seger was batting the ball at a solid .346 clip.

Fred has pounded out 18 hits in 52 official trips to the plate. In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader with the Cats, Seger blasted out a second-inning double with the sacks loaded.

Delta Tau Delta Wins Shallow Water Basketball Title Monday

Delta Tau Delta won the Intramural shallow water basketball title Monday night by stopping Beta Theta Pi 15-10 in the Coliseum pool.

In capturing the title the Delts snatched Sigma Nu 12-9, drubbed Farm House 17-7, edged Sigma Phi Epsilon 8-7 and nipped the Phi Deltis 14-11. The Delts were undefeated all the way.

The Betas lost in the second round, but advanced to the finals by winning all the way in the loser's basket. Had the Betas whipped the Delts, the

two teams would have played a second and final contest.

Intramural officials also announced that all horseshoe players must check the blackboard in the Physical Education Building for match schedules on Wednesday and Thursday.

The second round of the Intramural Spring Golf Tournament will also be played on Sunday, May 9. Players will tee off at Pioneers anytime between 10:00 and 11:30 on that date. Everyone is welcome to play in the affair.

Hofmaier, Geier Blank Cats By 12-0, 3-0 Counts

Double Triumph Breaks Four-Game Losing Streak

By BOB SERR

Southpaw Fran Hofmaier and Dick Geier, Nebraska's one-two punch, collaborated to whitewash the Kansas State Wildcats twice Tuesday afternoon 12-0 and 3-0. K-State collected only seven hits all day as the Huskers got revenge for the two defeats received at the hands of the Cats last week in Manhattan.

Both games were only seven innings because of the cold and the necessity of playing both tilts before darkness.

The Cornhuskers, in the first game, scored a run in the initial inning without making a hit. Virg Gottsch walked. Fred Seger lived on an error, Pat Mallette walked and Jim Cederdahl also received a free pass pushing across Gottsch.

Seger iced the game for Hofmaier in the second when he connected for a long, bases-loaded double, scoring all of the runners. Two more runs crossed the plate when Cederdahl singled home Ray Novak and Seger. Novak had lived on an error by the shortstop.

The Scarlet added two more in the fourth when Novak doubled and Don Becker singled. Bill Thimgan drove Novak across on a long fly, and Becker crossed

on Denny Korinek's looping single to center.

Four more tallies were added in the fifth off Mike Lair who replaced starter Jim Rhoades. Coufal walked and Don Brown singled sharply to center. With two down, Becker walked to load the sacks. Thimgan then drove home two with a clean shot to left.

On a double steal, Becker then scored. Korinek sent Thimgan across with a clothesliner to center.

Hofmaier was never in trouble as he scattered singles in the first, third and sixth innings.

In the nightcap big Dick Geier

er baffled the Cats by allowing only four hits and fanning seven. Two of the hits came in the final frame.

Husker bats broke the silence in the third inning. Murray Backhaus singled and Geier walked. Dirkes Rolston singled home Backhaus, and Geier rambled home after a long fly to center by Gottsch.

In the fourth the Huskers pushed across their final tally. Mallette walked and advanced on Novak's double. Pat scored on a fielder's choice off of the bat of Becker.

Geier was never in serious trouble as he fanned a man in every inning but the sixth.

N Club Initiation

The University of Nebraska N Club will hold their formal initiation tonight at the Lincoln Hotel. Starting time for the affair will be at 6:30.

Besides the athletes and student managers to be honored, Athletic Director Bill Orwig, assistant football coaches Mike Mulligan and Bob Faris and Trainer George Sullivan will be initiated into the organization.

Following the dinner and initiation will be a regular business meeting and the annual election of officers for next year.

Strannigan Named ISC Cage Coach

William M. (Bill) Strannigan, 34, basketball coach at Colorado A&M the past four years, was named head basketball coach at Iowa State College Monday.

Strannigan, a University of Wyoming star during his college days, succeeds Chick Sutherland who recently resigned the job after seven years as head coach. Strannigan's Aggie team last year was ranked 13th in the nation and was rated as high as fifth on defense.

Main Feature Clock (schedules furnished by theaters) Lincoln: "Casanova's Big Night," 1:40, 3:40, 5:40, 7:40, 9:40. Stuart: "Elephant Walk," 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:20, 9:20. Nebraska: "Julius Caesar," 1:07, 3:18, 5:29, 7:40, 9:48.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Gym Ace

Max Kennedy, senior from Beatrice, was voted by his Husker gymnastic mates as the team's most valuable player. As a result he received the Charles Miller Trophy.

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