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Freshman Postal Meet Shows Kansas Strength

Kansas, showing fine strength in the middle-distance and distance events and getting a triple-record-setting performance out of Gene McClain, has won the 1965 Big Eight Conference freshman postal track meet.

For the third consecutive year Nebraska did not enter the meet. It is the policy of the track coaching department not to enter this event. The Jayhawkers picked up virtually all of their 55 1/2 points in the 600, 800, 1000, mile and two mile, with McClain, Rick Jamison, Curtis Grindal, Allen Russell, and Jim Smith, to shade Kansas State for the title.

K-State, Mizzou Ready Football Forces

Missouri Flash Charlie Brown Having Academic Difficulties

If the soggy topsoil dries out, spring football drills will start in Tigerland sometime this week.

Tentatively, Coach Dan Devine hopes his practice fields will be ready for early use, but this may be wishful thinking. The Bengals already have been delayed two weeks by an unseasonable March.

Devine will have 18 lettermen back this fall, but the springtime roster of 90-plus candidates doesn't list a couple of prominent halfbacks, Charlie Brown and Earl Denny.

Both sophomores have been excused at the outset, Devine said, to get their academic work in good order—but possibly will join the squad later on a limited basis.

Four other football players are involved in varsity baseball, and therefore excused. In this group are backs Ray Thorpe, Lloyd Carr and Bob Robben—and lineman Mike Eader, the lone letterman.

Blue-printing his eighth football team at Missouri, Devine calls development of an offensive line, and improvement of the Tigers' passing game, two of the most vital objectives this spring.

"Fourteen of the 18 lettermen we lost were linemen," he says, "and we need to find people who can block. Also, our passing attack has to get better. We had 16 intercepted last year."

Good backs, Devine concedes, there will be in the Mizzou camp this September. Brown and Denny, as mentioned, may be seldom-seen this spring—and Monroe Phelps, a regular halfback in '62 until lost with a mid-season knee injury, is expected back this fall. Now enrolled at Joplin junior college, he'll be immediately eligible.

But old standbys Gary Lane and Carl Reese will give the quarterback and fullback posts a veteran look this spring. Behind Lane, the league's two-time total offense king is Gary Kombrink, a nifty 5-9 rookie from Belleville, Ill., who was held out of varsity action last year.

Reese's alternate will be either Dave Grana, a 1964 reserve, or Barry Lischner—slashing ball-carrier for the freshmen last year.

Defensively, the backfield outlook is good. Gone are linebacker Gus Otto and safetyman Vince Tobin, but the presence of Johnny Roland, Ken Boston and Gary Grossnickle—a late-season sub for the injured Tobin—should ease problems in the secondary.

As for the Tigers' defensive line, it's staffed with holdovers at six of seven positions and anchored by senior tackles Butch Allison and Bruce Van Dyke. Moving into that one void at end will be Russ Washington, 6-6 and 265-pound rookie from Kansas City (Southeast).

Washington, Mike Wempe of Lawrence Kan.—a 6-3 and 235-pound tackle—and Lischner of Pittsburgh, Pa. are considered to be the most gifted sophomores-to-be.

Kansas State Tries To Gain More Line Size; Squad Depth

There is a promise of excitement, of wide-open football action, in Doug Weaver's words when he talks about Saturday's (April 3) intrasquad football spring game at Kansas State. Kickoff in Memorial Stadium is 2:00 p.m.

"We have the largest squad in numbers and I would suppose the largest squad physically that we've ever had at Kansas State," he said. "This could be one of the more exciting, action-filled games that we've had."

The Wildcat head coach plans to use the top offensive and top defensive unit, spiked with no more than 10 reserves, against the rest of the squad.

"Out top two units—number one offense and number one defense—have been scrimmaging against each other. Now we are asking them to 'kiss and make up,' to join forces against the second, third and fourth units," Doug explained. "It shapes up as a fine match with some promising football players on both sides."

The top units are long on experience, of course, with the likelihood of claiming at least a dozen of the 18 Wildcat lettermen taking part in spring drills. The top unit on defense shows eight "K" men, but the lineup will look strange to fans because of a shuffle in positions.

Weaver explains: "We have a lot of competition at all spots, but end probably is the most wide open spot on our team right now. With Bill Matan, our only returnee from the top four ends of last fall, out for baseball, all four spots are being manned by new players. We've moved (Dave) Langford from tackle to end; (Jerry) Cook from linebacker to end on our defensive unit."

Other shifts show Fullback Gary Pankratz and Guard Phil King now trying offensive end; former tackles John Cairl and Jim Johnson—both 250 pounders—now playing guard on offense; former guards Rich Wilkinson and Warren Klawiter now playing tackle on offense; and former end Mark Bolick now playing fullback on offense.

Weaver plans to split his quarterback quartet, two to each side for Saturday's game. Vic Castillo, sophomore, ran the Wildcats' top offensive unit last Saturday in scrimmage. Ed Daniele, only letterman in the set, worked on a both-way unit.

Matt Sinisi, Dodge City Juco transfer of last season, and Mike White, 165-pound freshman, are a little behind the other two quarterbacks at this stage, the Wildcat coach said. But Weaver looks for them to come up fast in the intense competition at the spot.

All told, the spring game will show 60 new men—squad members untested in varsity competition—on a squad of 87.

Weaver explained that although the spring game will climax spring workouts, which began March 12, the Wildcats will use the week following the game for review work.

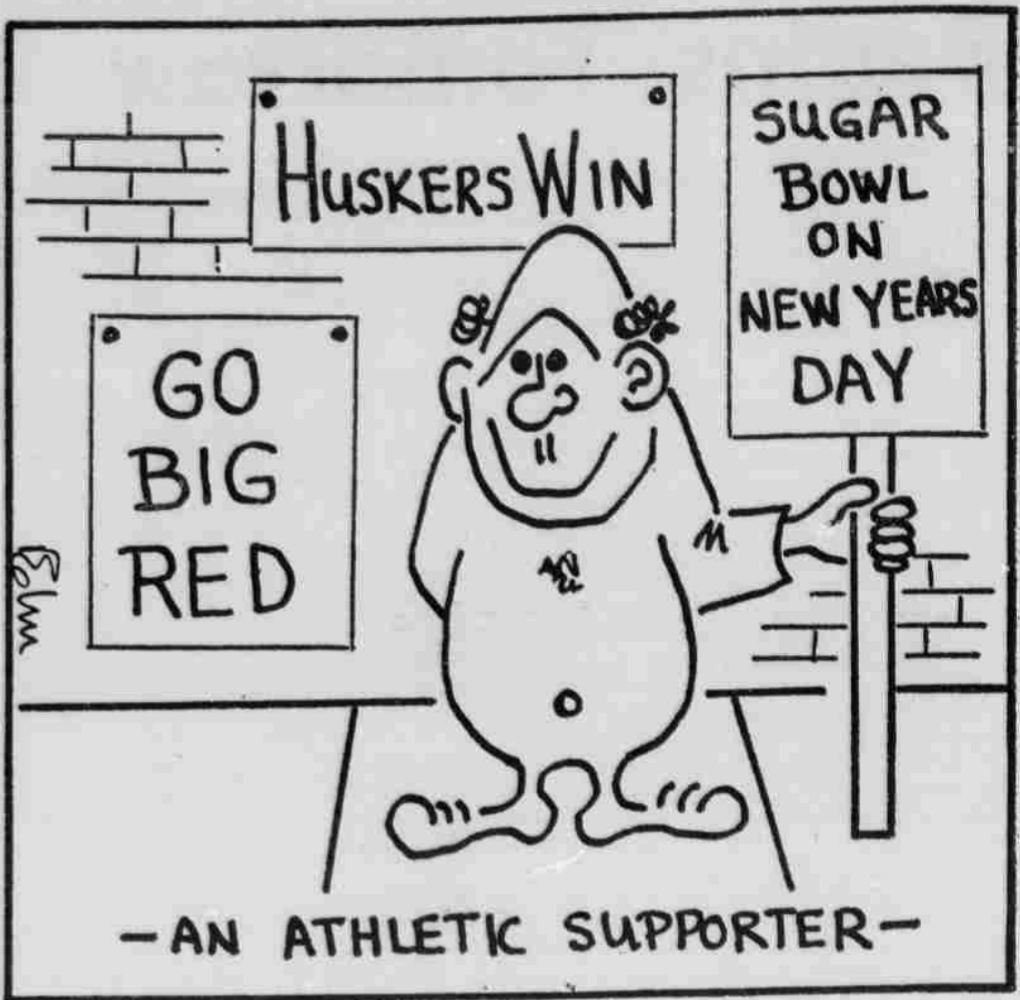


Table with 2 columns: Event, Winner. Includes 1965 Freshman Postal Track Meet Results and Current Big Eight Freshman Track Records.

Bullets Hit Hawks 109-103

The Baltimore Bullets whacked the St. Louis Hawks Tuesday night 109-103 to gain entry to the finals of the Western Division of the National Basketball Association.

Bullet cause garnering thirty-one points. Philadelphia leads Cincinnati two games to one in the Eastern Division semi-finals.

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