

ARGUEments

by Harry Argue

Basketball in May is the best example of an anachronism I can think of, but the National Basketball Association seems to disagree.

After a lengthy regular season and three playoff series to determine the king of the hill, the NBA season is just now coming to a climax. Peak interest in basketball for the 1967-1968 season has long since gone past the American sports fan, and it's really too bad, because the current final playoff is a very good one.

If the Boston Celtic-Los Angeles Laker series had been held a month ago instead of now, the NBA would be getting a much larger share of the sports pages and the excitement in a battle well-worth following would be far keener and widespread. This series could have been another of the shots in the arm the NBA needs since professional basketball is still not as popular as it could be, even after great strides in the past few years.

Second fiddles

This is the first time since 1954 that neither of the finalists won their divisions in the regular season. Boston finished second to Philadelphia in the East and Los Angeles followed the San Francisco Warriors in the Western loop. After these four teams handily disposed of weaker opponents in the quarter final playoffs, the Lakers up-ended San Francisco four games to none and Boston surprised the defending NBA champion Philadelphia 76ers, after the Pennsylvanians had raced to a seemingly insurmountable 3-1 game edge.

One might almost think that the happenings so far would make the Celtics a natural underdog against Los Angeles, but that idea hinges on insanity. Don't forget that these are the same Celtics who totally, and I do mean totally, dominated the NBA by winning eight straight titles from 1959 to 1966, before the 76ers realized their full potential and won it in 1967. Even then, Philadelphia still had to survive a hassle with Boston in the Eastern Division finals.

Such over-domination is more damaging for pro basketball than playoffs still going on when it's warmer outside the arena than inside. For that reason, and also because I think guys like the Lakers' Elgin Baylor and Jerry West are too good to never play on a championship team, I've suddenly found myself to be a Laker fan.

I know that you can't help but admit the Celtics are good — I admit — but I also think the Lion's share of the breaks and the luck have ended up in the Boston Garden in past years.

Expansion helped

One reason they are probably still up there is due to NBA expansion. Just as the other teams were starting to play on an even keel with the Celtics, teams were added in Chicago, Seattle and San Diego. All of the existing teams were drawn upon to stock the new teams and this really hurt everyone more than it hurt Boston, since the Celtics have excellent depth. However, while the depth of the other teams was more than sufficient to play with Boston, it was damaged by the expansion.

This same thing could happen again next year as franchises will be established in Phoenix and Milwaukee. I am not trying to knock NBA expansion — if the cities can support the teams, fine, let the league grow, but just don't forget that these new teams have to be stocked, and if Boston domination continues, the NBA may find itself on thin ice.

The Laker-Celtic playoff has more than lived up to its expectations. Boston won the first and third games while the Lakers took the second and fourth. The fifth game went into overtime before Boston won, 120-117. The teams play in Los Angeles Thursday night and if the Lakers win, return to Boston for the deciding game on Saturday. C'mon you Lakers!

... Sport 'at its best'

Big 8 football film available to groups

Prints of "Big Eight Football as its Best," the film depicting the highlights of 1967 in Big Eight Conference football, are now available to all interested organizations, free of charge.

The 27-minute film (16-mm), presented by Frontier Airlines, is in color and narrated by Lindsey Nelson, nationally-known sportscaster. Ninety prints of the movie

have been produced and copies may be obtained through Frontier Airlines' ticket offices, representatives of any Big Eight Athletic department, or the Big Eight Conference office.

It is a Big Eight show. The big moments experienced by all are woven together and climaxed with a quick look at the excitement and color, as well as action, of the two bowl-game wins — Colorado's 31-21 verdict over Miami in the Bluebonnet and Oklahoma's 26-24 conquest of Tennessee in the Orange.

While it does highlight the 1967 season, during which Big Eight teams carried the best record against non-conference opponents of any major conference and achieved their greatest overall balance ever, the film also serves as a very real preview of the 1968 season.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Don Smith, Iowa State's all-anything in basketball, has been named the Helms Athletic Foundation All-American team for the second straight year.

The Helms Foundation also listed Don Side of Oklahoma and Jo Jo White of Kansas from the Big Eight. Lew Alcindor of UCLA was player of the year for the second time. When Smith and Alcindor faced each other at Los Angeles the Bruin center scored 45 points and collected 12 rebounds. Smith had 33 points and 12 rebounds.

Track for Potts

Boulder, Colo.—The Colorado Board of Regents has passed a resolution authorizing that the new CU outdoor track facility, now in its second year of use, be named "Frank Potts Field" after retiring track coach Frank Potts. Official ceremonies will take place during the May 17-18 weekend when CU hosts the Big Eight outdoor track, tennis and golf championships. It'll be "Frank Potts Appreciation Weekend" at CU and the veteran track leader will receive many honors.

Current Movies

Lincoln: 'The Secret War of Harry Frigg', 7:00 and 9:00. 'Varsity Sweet November', 1:09, 3:12, 5:15, 7:18, 9:21. 'State: The Graduate', 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00. 'Stuart: Planet Of The Apes', 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20. 'Joyce: Firecracker', 7:15, 9:15. 'Nebraska: Elvira Madigan', 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15. '84th & O: Katie Elder', 8:30. 'Eldorado', 10:30. Last complete show, 9:30. 'Starview: Cartoon, 8:35. 'Wild Racers', 8:32, 11:47. 'The Road Hustlers', 10:11. OMAHA: Indian Hills: 'Gone With The Wind', 8:00. 'Dundee: Half a Sixpence', 8:00. 'Cooper 78: Dr. Dolittle', 8:00.

—Triple jumper Burgher not worried—

Long jump becomes a 'Warm-up'

Kansas City, Mo. — A long step has taken Nebraska's Lennox Burgher far in the direction of Big Eight Conference and National Collegiate supremacy in the triple jump.

Burgher, himself, presents an interesting contrast. The sophomore from Jamaica has yet to break 23 feet in the long jump this year. Yet, he now owns the all-time Big Eight triple-jump best and the second longest leap in NCAA history after going 52-11 at last weekend's Drake Relays.

"It is the step that does it," says Burgher, a compactly-built guy who stands only 5-10, giving the impression the sport portion of his specialty, which also includes the hop and jump, would not be his strongest.

"I figure I need to be out about 35 feet after my step to get off a good one," he says. From there, it is about 18 feet to the end of the sand landing pit. His record at Drake left him with barely more than a foot before hitting the grass.

Surpass pits

Thus, with a goal of 54 feet for this outdoor season — the current pending national collegiate record is 53-5/4 — Burgher is a threat to jump right over most of the pits.

However, the short landing strips have proved to be an accurate guide for Burgher. "When I saw how close I was to the end of the pit, I knew I had a good one," he grinned after his big jump, the second over 52 feet in his career.

The leap was announced as a new NCAA record, but later

it was learned his effort had been relegated to second on the collegiate list — word of the 53-5/4 from the Penn Relays had been received.

Burgher's best efforts came Saturday after bouncing back from a poor-for-him preliminary series when he went just over 49. However, on the first try of the finals, he sailed 51-8/4 to tie the Drake record of a few minutes' duration. His next try ended on the edge of the pit, spraying sand over previous bests.

Warm-up jump

When it comes to jumping, he hints his preference with: "In some meets the long jump is held just ahead of the triple jump and I use it as a warm-up for the triple jump. I have to be doing something so I long jump — if I could run, I'd run."

In triple-jump circles, he is no Johnny-come-lately. Last year, while long jumping consistently under 22 feet, he was triple jumping at the 49 level. This year, he has gotten over 22 feet in the long jump and is inching toward his 54 goal.

Burgher was not alone among those in the Big Eight attaining national collegiate leadership at Drake where the Conference had one of its finest days ever at a Big Three meet.

Kansas' shuttle hurdle relay team — George Byers, Ken Gaines, Lee Adams, and Dave Stevens — swept to a 56.7, well under the listed collegiate best, but only equal to a pending mark set over a year ago which is still unlisted.

Capped by these records and highlighted by Kansas

State's grand slam of the sprint medley on the Texas-Kansas-Drake circuit, the only one of the year, the Big Eight quickly strengthened its claim to midlands relay superiority. At Drake, 10 new Big Eight

seasonal bests were established, including a 4:05.6 mile by Kansas' Roger Kathol, a clocking which came when he just outlasted Iowa State's Mike Houck for third in the open mile.

40-YARD RELAY
1. Kansas (Wayne Long, Johnny Smith, Bob Brown, Glen Long) 4:05.6 (2)
2. Nebraska (Hush McGovern, Dan Morrison) 4:11.0 (3)
3. Oklahoma (Wayne Long, Johnny Smith, Bob Brown, Glen Long) 4:11.0 (3)
4. Nebraska (Fred Lafor, Ted Nyske, Fred Lewis, Steve Halliburton) 4:11.0 (3)

100-YARD DASH
1. Terry Holbrook (Kan. St.) 14.2 (2)
2. Randy Julian (Kansas) 14.3 (3)
3. Mike Heer (Kansas State) 14.3 (3)
4. Steve Hankins (Nebraska) 14.4 (4)
5. Jack Grisdell (Colorado) 14.4 (4)
6. Ken Hodges (Colorado) 14.4 (4)
7. Tom Melton (Oklahoma) 14.4 (4)
8. Paul Sims (Missouri) 14.4 (4)

200-YARD DASH
1. Charlie Collins (Kan. St.) 29.5 (2)
2. Mack Herron (Kan. St.) 29.5 (2)
3. Glen Long (Oklahoma) 29.6 (3)
4. Wayne Long (Oklahoma) 29.6 (3)
5. Ben Olson (Kansas) 29.6 (3)
6. John Jackson (Kansas) 29.7 (2)
7. John Jackson (Oklahoma) 29.7 (2)
8. Craig Kneip (Nebraska) 29.7 (2)

400-YARD DASH
1. James Hardwick (Oklahoma) 51.9 (3)
2. Dennis Cotter (Oklahoma) 52.1 (2)
3. Jim Bell (Kansas State) 52.1 (2)
4. Roger Kathol (Kansas) 52.1 (2)
5. Bill James (Colorado) 52.1 (2)
6. Joe Simons (Missouri) 52.1 (2)
7. Fred Lafor (Missouri) 52.1 (2)

800-YARD DASH
1. Wayne Long (Oklahoma) 1:21.1
2. Julio Meade (Kansas) 1:21.3
3. Terry Holbrook (Kan. St.) 1:21.3
4. Bob Brown (Oklahoma) 1:21.3 (3)
5. Bob Brown (Oklahoma) 1:21.3 (3)
6. Jim Hatcher (Kansas) 1:21.3 (3)
7. Clifton Forbes (Nebraska) 1:21.4

1,600-YARD DASH
1. Glen Ogdin (Missouri) 3:42.2 (2)
2. Van Rose (Kansas State) 3:42.2 (2)

3,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 8:21.1
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 8:21.1
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 8:21.1
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 8:21.1
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 8:21.1

5,600-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 16:42.2
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 16:42.2
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 16:42.2
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 16:42.2
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 16:42.2

11,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 33:24.4
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 33:24.4
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 33:24.4
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 33:24.4
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 33:24.4

22,400-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 66:48.8
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 66:48.8
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 66:48.8
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 66:48.8
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 66:48.8

44,800-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 133:37.6
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 133:37.6
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 133:37.6
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 133:37.6
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 133:37.6

89,600-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 266:75.2
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 266:75.2
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 266:75.2
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 266:75.2
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 266:75.2

179,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 533:50.4
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 533:50.4
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 533:50.4
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 533:50.4
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 533:50.4

358,400-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 1067:40.8
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 1067:40.8
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 1067:40.8
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 1067:40.8
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 1067:40.8

716,800-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 2135:21.6
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 2135:21.6
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 2135:21.6
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 2135:21.6
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 2135:21.6

1,433,600-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 4270:43.2
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 4270:43.2
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 4270:43.2
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 4270:43.2
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 4270:43.2

2,867,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 8541:26.4
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 8541:26.4
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 8541:26.4
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 8541:26.4
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 8541:26.4

5,734,400-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 17082:52.8
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 17082:52.8
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 17082:52.8
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 17082:52.8
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 17082:52.8

11,468,800-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 34165:45.6
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 34165:45.6
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 34165:45.6
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 34165:45.6
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 34165:45.6

22,937,600-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 68331:31.2
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 68331:31.2
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 68331:31.2
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 68331:31.2
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 68331:31.2

45,875,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 136662:62.4
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 136662:62.4
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 136662:62.4
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 136662:62.4
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 136662:62.4

91,750,400-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 273325:24.8
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 273325:24.8
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 273325:24.8
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 273325:24.8
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 273325:24.8

183,500,800-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 546650:49.6
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 546650:49.6
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 546650:49.6
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 546650:49.6
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 546650:49.6

367,001,600-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 1093301:39.2
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 1093301:39.2
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 1093301:39.2
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 1093301:39.2
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 1093301:39.2

734,003,200-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 2186602:78.4
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 2186602:78.4
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 2186602:78.4
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 2186602:78.4
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 2186602:78.4

1,468,006,400-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 4373204:56.8
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 4373204:56.8
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 4373204:56.8
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 4373204:56.8
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 4373204:56.8

2,936,012,800-YARD DASH
1. Lennox Burgher (Nebr.) 8746409:13.6
2. Ken Gaines (Kansas) 8746409:13.6
3. Gordon Wheeler (Okl.) 8746409:13.6
4. Richard Shais (Okl. St.) 8746409:13.6
5. Larry Wright (Kansas) 8746409:13.6

Cal's 'Exposition' '68 Rodeo site

... NIRA championships

California's 54 million dollar investment in a permanent year-round Exposition, billed as "The Showcase of the Golden West," will be the site for the 1968 National Collegiate Rodeo Finals.

Over 165 contestants, the cream of college cowboys and cowgirls from all over the nation, will compete in five days of rugged action for national titles July 3-7. Located on the American River just a few miles from California's capital city of Sacramento, Cal-Expo is expected to draw almost two million people during its run from July 1 to September 10.

One of the fastest growing spectator sports in the nation, college rodeo offers all the thrills, displays of raw courage and skill typical of the early Western cowboy in a contest of man against beast.

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association is an organization of over 80 collegiate institutions, with individual membership exceeding 1,200 students, dedicated to the preservation of the "Western Life and Heritage." The Association is divided into six regions nationally with the two top teams from each region, both men's and women's, eligible to compete at the Finals.

Men's events include bull riding, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, ribbon roping and steer wrestling. The three highest point winners in each event from each region compete at the Finals individually and as teams. The women compete in barrel racing and

goat tying on an individual and team basis with regional standings determining eligibility for the Finals.

The Golden State Rodeo Company of Marysville, Calif., will provide the rodeo stock and handle the production. Two of the company's and Lex Connally, are former principals; Cotton Rosser NIRA contestants. Lex Connally, known as "The Voice of Rodeo", serves as narrator and announcer for radio and television productions of college and professional rodeos. He provided much of the colorful voice action for ABC TV's "Wide World of Sports" showing of last year's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals viewed by million last fall.

The All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl are two of the most coveted titles sought by collegians as they pile up points during the regular season from September through June pointing toward the National Finals in July. The team competition is just as keen as the individual struggles for national honors.

Teams to watch this year include Tarleton State College of Stephenville, Texas the 1967 National Champions; Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo, Calif., 2nd place winners in 1966 and 1967; Casper College, Casper, Wyoming National Champions in 1966, and 3rd place finishers in 1967. All three of these teams are strong again this year with Tarleton State having its team returning intact from last year.

Getting their kicks...



Football is with us again. Sports fans, as the tickets for the annual Spring Day scrimmage are on sale now at the NU Ticket Office in the Coliseum.

General admission is two dollars and students' tickets are one dollar.

The ticket will also admit you to the Oklahoma State-Nebraska baseball game Saturday morning, May 11, before the game.

The annual Red-White game kicks off at 1:30 p.m.

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