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## TANKERS TAPER FOR 19

by Jim Lucas

The perennially underdog Kenyon swimming team with a string of 18 straight conference championships will put their OAC title on the line this coming Friday and Saturday at Oberlin. For eighteen years, the Lords have dominated OAC swimming and winning the title has almost become a habit.

The same week Joseph Stalin died in March of 1953, the College of Wooster won the OAC swimming championship. Later that year, the first hydrogen bomb was exploded, and Joseph McCarthy began to lose favor with the masses. In March of 1954, the French forces were under

siege at Dien Bien Phu, and Paris wired Washington, saying that only an American intervention could save Indochina. That same month Kenyon beat Wooster and Oberlin to become the OAC champion.

For eighteen years, following the French defeat in Indochina, Kenyon

conference swimming meet. On paper, Kenyon is a distinct underdog. The top twelve dual meet times of the OAC season to date show Denison with a 124 point advantage over Coach Sloan's tankers.

## ALL-AMERICANS

Denison is entering the meet with six All-American swimmers and much more depth than Kenyon. Earlier this year, Kenyon lost a dual meet to Denison and took a 2nd to the Big Red in the OAC Relays. Though Kenyon has several All-

the Lords have been behind down to the final relay. Thus it is virtually impossible to predict a winner until the meet is over.

A week before the 1970 conference meet, a Denison diver said, "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind who will win the conference championship. There is no way Kenyon could ever beat us. . . ." That was the year Kenyon won by a record-breaking 140 points. But this year, it appears that Denison has a right to be confident; this time they really are the better team. Or are they? Only the final score will tell.

The preliminary heats on both days will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the finals at 7:00 each evening. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Iciers Draw

Early Saturday morning (Feb. 19 at 12 midnight) the Kenyon hockey team had to come from behind twice to earn a 5-5 tie with Denison. Scoring star for the Lords' iciers was freshman Tony Smith, who scored four goals in less than five minutes.

Earlier in the season the Lords had been badly beaten by Oberlin and Miami due to their sloppy checking; however this time tough bodychecking by the defensive trio of freshmen George Ewing and Doug Bean and veteran Jeff Mouckley forced the

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The author of this letter was a three-time All-American OAC diving champion for Kenyon several years ago.

Dear Students, Faculty, and Friends of Kenyon College,

It has been three years now since I had the honor to be a part of the Kenyon College Swimming Team. It was indeed a great honor and thrill to have been a part of the teams that won numbers 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The swimming team's success down through the years can be directly attributed to the pride that the students and faculty, as well as the swimmers, divers and coaches have had for the team. One of my most vivid and exciting memories about the team was the mass of Kenyon fans standing and cheering for the team as we entered Ohio Wesleyan's pool for the final night of the championships my senior year. Helped by the support we received from these fantastic fans we went on that night to destroy Denison.

The purpose of this letter as you've already guessed is to ask you to try to make it to Oberlin on March 3rd and 4th for this year's OAC Swimming Championships. The team will appreciate and benefit by your support and you'll enjoy watching Kenyon get number 19. Best of luck to Coach Sloan and the entire swimming team.

Sincerely,  
Greg L. Offenburger  
"Froggy"

For those of you planning to attend the OAC Swimming championships at Oberlin, the following are the recommended directions: Take Rt. 229 to Rt. 13; Rt. 13 North to Interstate 71, Interstate 71 North to the Ashland exit 250; Rt. 250 to Rt. 89; Rt. 89 North to Rt. 58; and Rt. 58 right into Oberlin. The site of the meet is the brand new Oberlin Physical Education Building.

Also, rides are desperately needed to transport people to Oberlin. If you have a car and are planning to go and have room for riders, please contact Candy Davis or Charles Capute.



ALL-AMERICANS. Kenyon will send six All-American swimmers into the competition this weekend at Oberlin. From the left are: Bill Wallace, Jim Killpack, Jim Loomis, John Kirkpatrick, John Davis, and Craig Murray.



IN QUEST OF 19 Senior co-captains Jim Killpack (left) and Bill Wallace will lead the Lords this weekend in defense of their 19th consecutive OAC Championship.



FRESHMAN CENTER. Dave Mayer gets ready to launch a jump shot in Kenyon's stunning 77-69 upset win of Capital Saturday. Defending is Capital's All-Conference center 6-8 Mike Stumpf (#52).

has been the OAC defending swimming champions. The Kenyon domination of the Ohio Conference has lasted through the Cold War, through assassinations, the civil rights demonstrations, and the winding up and winding down of the American war in Viet Nam.

The first women to enter Kenyon College were a year old when the Lords began their string of conference titles. The year these women entered Kenyon, the Lords beat Denison by a record 140 points to win number seventeen.

## NUMBER 18

Last year, Kenyon went into the meet as underdogs. The Lords swam well the first day but so did Denison (attired in their gray t-shirts with the word "Balls" printed on the chest), and thus the score was tied at 244-all after the initial day of finals.

In the preliminary heats of the second day, the Denison swimmers placed high, and by Coach Sloan's estimations if every swimmer finished in the same place he took in the prelims, Denison would win the meet by forty points. The thread supporting number eighteen was as thin and frayed as many of the swimmers' nerves.

The final heats began with 400 obnoxious Kenyon rowdies in the stands at Ohio Wesleyan. That night, the Lords won every event and gained their 18th straight conference crown by the margin of 37 points. The Big Red quietly gathered their t-shirts and left the pool while the Kenyon supporters emptied into the pool.

Finally in 1972, the Lords are nervously preparing for another

American swimmers, the squad lost three through graduation, and in addition will be swimming without NCAA record holder Rich James.

But there is room for some hope. The performances of returning All-American John Kirkpatrick, Jim Loomis, John Davis, and co-captain Bill Wallace and transfer Charles Welker has been encouraging. All lead the OAC with their dual meet times in their particular events.

In addition, Kenyon will go into the meet with the two fastest relay teams in the conference.

## NEVER A WALKAWAY

Spanning the 18 years of Kenyon conference titles, the Lords have seldom had an easy victory. In some seasons, the meet was won by no more than six points. During the course of their lengthy streak, Kenyon has gone to both extremes. In some years, they have won by overwhelming margins, while in others,

In the Ohio Conference Wrestling Tournament, held during the weekend at Mount Union, Kenyon finished 9th with 11 1/2 points. Baldwin-Wallace took first place with 75 points, 18 points ahead of second place finisher Wooster.

The only notable individual performances for Kenyon were turned in by Jim Bracken in the 158 lb. class and Rick Szilagyi in the heavyweight division. All other Lord participants lost their first match of the two-day meet.

Bracken, only a sophomore, won his first two matches 5-0 and 11-1 prior to being eliminated in the semifinals 4-3. However, Bracken finished with the second best dual meet mark for Kenyon, a 7-1-1 ledger.

In the heavyweight division defeat came suddenly to Rick Szilagyi in the finals. After advancing to the finals by virtue of two wins following a first round bye, he was leading his opponent from Heidelberg with 20 seconds left. Both were in a neu-

tral position when a desperation move by the Heidelberg wrestler resulted in a take-down and a pin of Szilagyi with one second remaining in the match.

The shocking, last-second loss ruined a fine season by Szilagyi as he extended his undefeated status in dual meet competition to 18 consecutive matches (15-0-3) over a period of two years. This season, he finished with a 6-0-1 mark and took a 2nd place in the Great Lakes College Association Tourney.

## Matmen Take 9th at OAC



# LORDS 'CAP' CRUSADERS 77-69

## Open OAC Tourney Thursday

by Richard Clarke



KENYON basketball manager AL GOLDSMITH.

### "Big Al"

by Richard Clarke

If you have attended a Kenyon basketball game sometime during the past two seasons, it would be difficult to miss the energetic antics of a student, who sits next to Jim Zak on the Lord bench. He goes with the team home and away, is constantly yelling encouragement from the bench, and has reduced the task of throwing towels to players to an art.

Is he really the coach of the basketball team, as was suggested by John Ward at the fall sports banquet? No, he is junior Al Goldsmith, a Political Science major from Fairfax County in Virginia, who during his two years as manager has exhibited a dedication far beyond normal managerial requirements. "Big Al", whose "managerial" career dates back to his junior year in high school, was working out in the field-house two years ago when a player asked him if he'd be interested in the job.

Al accepted and since that time he "lives" basketball from November to March. He practices with the team every day (which is a fairly strenuous workout), travels with them on the road, and has given up most of his Christmas vacation for the past two years to fulfill his managerial duties.

A casual observer might interpret Al's complete dedication as a kind of masochistic insanity (because it is a non-paying job and because of the amount of time he puts in), but the players, coaches and athletic department staff know better. They would answer that it is more of sincere expression of enthusiasm and dedication.

Al says that the reason he goes to such extremes in his job is to better appreciate the players' situation and what they go through. He adds that the most rewarding part of his job has been "meeting and getting to know some of the finest people at Kenyon." Coming from someone else, this disclosure might seem corny, but this is not the case with Al. It is merely another expression of his sincerity and appreciation for the opportunity to have the job.

So, when you see Al walking around this spring with his Kenyon letter jacket, you shouldn't ask why or how he earned it. Ask any Kenyon basketball player and he will tell you he worked as hard as any guy on the court for that jacket.

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Denison forwards to keep their heads up and shoot from outside the blue line for most of the game.

Kenyon's final goal which salvaged the tie came in the third period on a screen shot by Fritz Reinhardt off a pinpoint pass from Jim "The Boomer" Dunning, a strong skating rookie. The highlight of the mid-night meeting was a penalty shot awarded to Dave Breskin on the final play of the game for being hauled down from behind on a breakaway. Breskin took a tremendous shot but the Denison goalie made a spectacular save to protect the 5-5 tie.

Ed Meyer, Ron Ruby, Dave Breskin, Dr. John Johnson and the superior goaltending of Bob Zoller will lead the Lords to a rematch with the Big Red Friday, March 3rd

Last week a Wittenberg sports publicist wrote, "Kenyon has about the same chance of beating Capital as a snowball has of surviving in that other place."

That journalist is either a poor prophet or a genius at motivating underdogs—Kenyon upset the nationally-ranked (8th in the small college polls) Crusaders 77-69 Saturday night.

That dramatic victory sends Kenyon into the OAC tournament this week with a 5-7 conference mark, a 10-14 record overall and a five game win streak. On Thursday, they open the 1972 tournament with a 7 p.m. game against Heidelberg at Mount Union.

The win, witnessed by an unbelieving sellout crowd of 2200 in Columbus terminated Capital's 24-game conference win streak at home and, for the second straight year, denied the Crusaders a share of the OAC regular season title. Coincidentally, that honor was grabbed by Wittenberg after their weekend victory over Wooster.

Kenyon played the heavily-favored Crusaders to a standstill from the opening tip. For the first 35 minutes of action, it was a close and evenly-contested battle with the score tied 13 times in the first half. But the Lords outscored Cap 14-6 in the stretch run to claim the upset.

Jimmy Smith provided a large measure of the Lords' first half offensive firepower, tallying 20 points on a fantastic outside shooting display. Meanwhile, Capital matched the Lords' basket for basket with their efficient, sharp-passing offensive attack, led by 6-8 center Mike Stumpf inside, and guard Scott Weakley, who was equally effective from the perimeter. At the intermission Cap held a slim 41-40 advantage.

The second half was more of the same until Cap got two baskets from Bob Arnold and one from Don Kalb for a 55-49 advantage with 11:39 to play. The partisan Crusader crowd was keyed for the favorites to run the upstart Lords off the floor, but it never happened. Kenyon crept back to within two points three more times.

### STUMPF INJURED

With 6:07 remaining a bad break hit Cap which Crusader fans may insist cost them the game. Star center Mike Stumpf, in going for a rebound, either lost his balance or fell over another player, and severely turned his ankle—sparking concerned Cap coach Vince Chickerella off the bench.

While Stumpf was on the bench being aided (he missed 3 1/2 minutes of action), the Crusaders lost their rebounding advantage and part of their offensive attack. This is to take nothing away from the Lords who stayed with Cap all the way—even with Stumpf in the pivot.

### WINNING SURGE

With the Crusaders temporarily disabled the Lords made their move. Marty Hunt hit a field goal to bring the Lords within 1, 60-59 and the next time down the floor scored on a driving lay-up to put Kenyon in the lead 61-60, with 5:25 to play. The Crusaders came back to tie it once and then again after sophomore guard Bill Kozy had canned a fast-break jumper to give Kenyon a brief lead. But, then Jim Smith shot Kenyon into the lead for good on an outside jumper 65-63 with 3:42 on the clock. Another field goal by freshman center Dave Meyer gave Kenyon a four point advantage before Stumpf returned with 2:50 to go.

But Kenyon was not to be denied as they clinched the game in a manner, typical of their late season surge—at the foul line. Kenyon hit 8-8 at the charity stripe in the last two minutes as the Crusaders fouled in desperate attempts to get the ball and move back into contention. But in the last minute and a half, it was the nationally ranked home team which

lost their poise while the Lords, encouraged by a small but vocal contingent of rooters, took control of the game.

### DYNAMIC DUO PACE ATTACK

Jim Smith led the scoring attack with 29 points and his performance of late rates him serious consideration for 1st or 2nd team all-conference honors. Marty "Big Game" Hunt again came up with a great all-around performance—particularly in the Lords' winning surge. He contributed 27 points (16 of them in the 2nd half), 9 rebounds and is a certain 1st Team OAC pick.

Dave Meyer, though only scoring 9 points, picked up 8 rebounds and did a commendable job against Stumpf. The play of Tim Delaney can hardly be overlooked. Playing more and more in last season form—he added 7 points and 6 rebounds.



UP FOR TWO. Marty Hunt, the OAC's New scoring leader drives in for crucial basket which put Kenyon ahead in the 2nd half of Saturday's upset win over Capital.

The game statistics illustrate the Lords' tremendous performance. Kenyon hit 52% of its field goal attempts and a fantastic 95% from the foul line (19-20). In addition the Lords rebounded Cap to a virtual standoff as the hosts had only two more retrievals than the Lords. Jim Zak said after the game, "The players felt like they had a mission." In retrospect, they more than succeeded in fulfilling it.



JIM SMITH puts up one of his 25 field goal attempts against Capital, of which he made 13. Defending is Cap's Don Kalb.

## Stickers Open March 20

Senior Jeff Ellis (whose eligibility has expired) starred during the "golden years" of Kenyon lacrosse, which gives you an indication of how old he is. It has been six seasons since the Lord stickers finished with an impressive 8-2 record and placed second in the Midwest standings. Since that time the competition

has improved tremendously and teams like Ohio State, Denison and Bowling Green have found themselves breaking into the nation's top ten. In recent years Kenyon simply hasn't had the horses to compete with these teams.

This year, the lacrosse team, coached by Bill Heiser, should pre-

sent a formidable obstacle to ALL opponents. The squad may not break into the top ten, but co-captains Dennis Puntel and Charlie Capute are confident that it can improve on last year's 3-10 record, even without the services of Jim Peace, the best goalie in Ohio for four years.

The team has all of its top scorers returning, including David Cronin and Bob Volles. Its "behind" defense, led by last year's outstanding defenseman Bob Heaps, returns intact and several capable freshmen have appeared on the scene to brighten the prospects for the 1972 edition of lacrosse at Kenyon.

The season begins on March 20 at Mount St. Mary's during team's spring tour of Baltimore. The first home game will be against Ohio Wesleyan on Saturday, April 1. The schedule is rough and Kenyon needs ample support from its loyal fans at Denison, Ohio State and Wittenberg. Let's help the stickmen "bring back the golden years" and bring a tear to Dad Ellis' eye.

1972 OAC TOURNAMENT DRAW					
NORTHERN DIVISION at Mount Union			SOUTHERN DIVISION at Denison		
March 2 Thurs	March 3 Friday	March 4 Sat.	March 4 Sat.	March 3 Friday	March 2 Thurs.
Wooster (Bye)			Wittenberg (Bye)		
Kenyon 7 p.m.	7 p.m.	Championship at Mt. Union	Denison 5 p.m.	OWU	
Heidelberg	8 p.m.		Marietta 9 p.m.		
Oberlin 9 p.m.			Muskingum 7 p.m.		
Mt. Union B-W (Bye)			Capital 7 p.m.		
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Mount Union, the site of the OAC Tournament is located in Alliance, and can be reached by taking Rt. 36 to Rt. 62 at Millwood and then following Rt. 62 to Alliance.

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## Trackmen Prepare for Conference

On Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, Coach Don White's indoor track team will travel to Denison University in the heart of Granville to compete in the OAC Indoor Championships. Provided some of their key members are healthy, the Lords could possibly make their best showing in many years.

Freshmen distance aces Tom Long and Brad Foote and middle-distance runners Jay Andress, Joe Hall, Jim Boswell and Blake Axtel have been a significant addition to the team. A small, but strong nucleus of veterans is led by long jumper Perry Thompson, seniors Sam Barone and Ron Callison, juniors Ulysses Hammond and Ed Hart and sophomores Jeff Walker, Pat Riley, George Letts and Dave Thompson.

As always seems the case with track teams at Kenyon, injuries or illness have taken their toll on this year's squad. Tyree Wilburn is lost for the remainder of the indoor season because of a torn calf muscle. Jeff Walker is still hampered by an achilles tendon injury and last year's OAC 55 yard spring champion George Letts is just recovering from an attack of mononucleosis. However, both Letts and Walker may be ready for the upcoming conference championships, which would be a big plus for the Lords' chances of a reasonable showing at Granville.