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Twenty-one

The year was 1954. Senator Joseph McCarthy was investigating the army; Richard Nixon was the Vice-President of the United States; and the issue of wire-tapping was being considered by the Senate judiciary committee. That same year, the Kenyon swimming team, under the guidance of Bob Bartels, won the Ohio conference championship.

Twenty years later, with wiretapping and Richard Nixon still very much in the news—that streak Kenyon started in '54 is still present. Now the question is—though Richard Nixon may not survive this year; can the Lords' winning streak remain in tact?

If you haven't been on campus the last two weeks, you are probably aware that the Kenyon swimming team will attempt to set an NCAA record this weekend when it travels to the Ohio Conference swimming championships at Oberlin. From 1916-35 the University won 20 consecutive conference titles—a feat which had not been repeated until the Lords netted number 20 this long last year's meet, also held at Oberlin.

Until Kenyon manages to win this again, it would be the record all to themselves. However, 21, though no one says, think this possibility, may not happen. This year's Division squad is loaded with talent (though they also still have Bob Barclay as their coach.)

In fact, coach Dick Sloan is so confident of his team's chances that he says, 'It will take nothing short of an act of God for us to win.' He adds that the Big Red will leave behind swimmers (you are only permitted to take 18 swimmers to compete in conference) that he would love to have swimming for him.

Denison has always had the talent—but the lack of experienced swimmers, a highly emotional and supportive Kenyon rooting section (500 fans last year at Oberlin) has given Kenyon the edge and kept the winning streak intact.

This year figures to be even more of a test for the Lords' swimmers as both Denison and host school Oberlin will be anxious to deprive Kenyon of the record. The big worry to Sloan in Denison's depth and his own team's lack of it. This could be particularly crucial with the addition of three new events to this year's conference program.

In the past, the OAC meet has been an abbreviated two-day, 15 event NCAA conference program. However, this year, the conference championships will be a full three-day NCAA meet consisting of 18 events beginning Thursday night. The new additions to the format are the 400 yard individual medley, the 800 yard freestyle relay, and three-meter diving.

In winning number 20 last March at Oberlin, the Lords amassed 443 points to outdistance Denison. However, 232 of those points were accounted for by seniors who have since graduated. In their place are a number of inexperienced freshmen—untested in conference competition.

Obviously, the performances of all the swimmers will be crucial—but there will be two individuals on whom the Lords will rely in particular—senior co-captain Rich James and junior Jed Davis. James has dominated the conference in the backstroke and 200 I.M. events for three years—but the Lords will need more of the same winning...

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Lords fall in second tourney game to ONU

After defeating Wooster in the opening round, the Kenyon basketball team was eliminated by Ohio Northern 58-47 Friday night. Northern, a new entry in the OAC, defeated Oberlin in the Northern Division Saturday and faces Wittenberg tonight for the title and an NCAA berth.

Opening round win

Kenyon's opening round victory over the Scots 58-53 was a nervewracking contest, decided only in the game's waning moments. But this shouldn't have been particularly surprising since the regular season meeting, won by Kenyon, was decided by only one point.

After trailing 23-20 at the half, Kenyon took the lead 31-30 on a Jim Wurz jumper with 13 minutes remaining. The lead exchanged hands and was tied numerous times until Dave Meyer netted two foul shots with 31 seconds left after Kenyon had stalled for over a minute.

Wooster had an opportunity to tie contest again at the foul line, but was unable to capitalize on it. In their desperation to regain possession of the ball, the Scots had to foul Kenyon; and Bill Cooperdrier and Jim Wurtz each caged a pair of charity tosses to ice the win.

Though Meyer hit the free throws which put the Lords ahead to say, the real hero of the win was his backup—sophomore Jim Milligan, who came off the bench when Meyer got into foul trouble, to hit 17 points. Milligan, a starter earlier in the season, also pulled down 8 rebounds to pace the Lords in that department.

To support Milligan's welcome offensive production were Jim Wurtz's and Dave Meyer's 16 and 12 points respectively. High-scoring freshman, Tim Appleton, tightly guarded all evening, was limited to just 6 points.

Elimination

Hopes were high as the Lords entered their second round game against Ohio Northern. The reason for the optimism was Kenyon's performance against the Polar Bears in the regular season confrontation of the two squads, when Jim Zak's combo came back from a 20 point deficit to tie the contest—only to lose it on a last second basket by the Northmen.

However, the second meeting did not follow the pattern of the first. Northern's deliberate ball control offense and high shooting accuracy from the field slowly wore the Lords (who only shot 38 percent from the floor) down.

Kenyon trailed by the half by the same 23-20 count of Thursday's game with Wooster. This time lightening was not to strike twice though as the Polar Bears steadily widened the margin in the second half and the Lords could never get closer than 9 points. High man on the scoring chart for Kenyon was Appleton with 18, but the only other Lord in double figures was Wurtz with 10.

Though the Lords' 73-74 ledger of 9-13 is not impressive, there is plenty of reason for optimism in the future. Next season the Lords will have everybody back—with the exception of senior captain Bill Kozy. In addition, they will have a very talented player by the name of John Van Doorn, a transfer from Lehigh, who was ineligible this season. There's always next year.

Freshman Tim Appleton finished 3rd in the OAC scoring race and first in free throw percentage. (Photo by Bob Gibson)

Ladies fail to gain home win

A little bit of history was made Thursday night when the Kenyon women's basketball team hosted Denison. The game marked Kenyon Ladies' first home appearance in their brief two year history. However, the game was not as noteworthy as the Big 3 Women's Hospitaller soundly defeated Kenyon 31-12.

The visitors scored evenly in the first quarter, while Karen Burke's Ladies couldn't seem to buy a basket. In the Ladies' behalf it should be noted that the team had to play without its leading scorer—Jean Parker, who had been injured in practice the day before. Unfortunately for Kenyon, she will miss the rest of the hardcourt season but hopefully her injury will have minimal effect in lacrosse season.

On Saturday morning, the Kenyon Ladies played much better, but with the same result—a 50-29 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. The game was tied at 15-all before Denison surprised the Ladies with a full court press on something they had never had to contend with before. The result was that the Bishops (Women Bishops?) ran off 10 quick points to put the game away.

Kenyon did close the margin to 5 at 29 on a basket by Mary Palmer but that was as close as they would get. One factor in the contest was some rather questionable officiating which had Karen Burke: knolling,Cont.
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need something Jim Zak taught her) and coming under her breath. However, the senior proved herself to have a far more patience than her male counterpart and avoided getting a technical.

Making words for Kenyon were Karen Fries and Mary Palmer with six points apiece. Palmer, also pulled down 10 boards to lead the Ladies in that column. The next opportunity to see an action is tonight at 7:00 against Elyria at the fieldhouse. Their final game of the season is this Saturday at noon, a 10-10 clash with Muskingum.

Door track earns
running season on
racing victory

Jack Don White has gained recent attention as the campus' official poet laureate (a sample of his work may be found elsewhere in this issue). However, he was given recognition for directing the door track team to its second straight season in a row.

The Lords accomplished this feat by scoring visiting Muskingum 83-44 this past week. The win gave the Lord thinclads a chance mark. In upcoming weekends, the team will compete in the GLCA's and the conference meet.

Lettos leads win

The Lords' impressive weekend victory over the Mustangs was led by senior captain Larry Letts. In his last fieldhouse performance the versatile Lord ('Felix' to the Tulsa brothers) captured four firsts—long jump, 150 yard dash, 440 yard dash and the 880 yard relay. He won the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 11½ inches. In the 150 yard dash, he turned in a time of 22.4. In the 440 yard dash, he clocked a 50.3 time. In the 880 yard relay, he ran a 33.6 performance, and rounded out his day's work by anchoring the Lord's relaying team of Dwight Hammond, Phil Porter and Marty Wagner, which hit the target of 3:37.1.

Supporting cast

Letts was not the whole show for the Lords as there were several other outstanding performances. This was the case for the Lords' overwhelming win.

Supporting cast

Jamie Doncett was not far behind as he turned in his best times of the season in the mile, the 1000 yard run, the 880 yard dash and the 440 yard dash. Also recording personal bests were freshmen Dwight Lynn and Richard Gordon. Senior Jay Andre6s (600 yard run) and junior Jay Andr6s and Jaylynn (440 yard dash) were both successful in their performances.

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 to Rt. 89; Rt. 89 North to Rt. 58; and Rt. 58 right into Oberlin. The site of the meet is the Jesse Phillips Physical Education Building.
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performances from him this year, though the competition may be stiffer. Davis, who set a new record in the marathon 1650 freestyle last year, will be counted upon for similar results this year in the distance events.

Other strong performances are expected from distance freestyler Dave Plunkett (who took a 3rd in the 1650 last year), sprint freestylers Bruce Morton, Bill Montesi, and Jim Kuhn; breaststrokers Tom Hazlett and Don Constantino; butterflyer Stu Wegener; and I.M.er Bill Cassidy. And hopefully there will be a few surprising performances—this has always been important to the Kenyon success in the past.

The diving events should be one of Kenyon’s strengths. Though Oberlin’s Casey Cook is a solid favorite to win, Kenyon’s Charlie Jones and Phil Porter should be strong contenders for the 2nd and 3rd place spots—and perhaps 1st, should Casey slip up. There is also the possibility that the Lords might take another diver—freshman Jake Layton, but it is futile to outguess the mastermind of Shaffer Pool—Dick Sloan.

Sloan has played decisive role in the Lords’ success. Predicting the events in which swimmers would compete at conference time has not been easy since Sloan’s arrival at Kenyon. He has reduced this task to an art. It has been his careful placement of people in the right events (to get the most possible points) which has been so important in the Lords cause in recent years when Denison has had the advantage in talent.

Undoubtedly, you are probably getting tired about being hugged about going to the conference swimming meet. However, at the

The coming of age

The swimming alumni want to extend their best wishes to the team in its quest for number 21.

Once again it seems that we’re underdogs, but then, we’ve been in that position for twenty years. The seniors will understand and accept this, but the freshmen may wonder. The initiates must be told the story.

They must be reminded that it doesn’t matter how they are seeded, that it doesn’t matter how the win-loss record is compiled. At conference time the Kenyon squad undergoes a transformation that may be unique in athletic experience. It is only at this time that the freshman realizes the compelling force of tradition. From his first day at practice six months ago, he was impressed with the importance of number 21. Each day of that six month period he was reminded of the necessity of upholding the tradition. By conference time the idea of tradition permeates his thinking and fills his veins with adrenalin. This tradition swells within him until it becomes all-encompassing and it is at this time that the mental dominates the physical and the Kenyonite appears to perform the superhuman.

The freshman should be reminded of commonplace occurrences like John Grellier’s 1964 championship effort. Before the meet John wasn’t seeded in the top 12, but after the preliminaries he had qualified number one. He should be told of Greg Kalmbach’s ten second drop in the 200 breaststroke to come from nowhere to win a conference title. The stories are endless, but the freshman doesn’t comprehend their reality until he is on the starting blocks, his hands are tingling, he’s emotionally upset with hopes and fears, and he’s carrying the burden of twenty years. He’s ready, he wants it, and he’s scared—that’s Kenyon’s time-tested formula of success.

The team is ready, it wants it, and it’s scared—it’s time to come of age. 21!

LARRY WITNER  BILL WALLACE
DOUG NEFF  DICK KOLLER
JIM KILLPACK  CANDY WALLACE (honorary)