TANKERS TAPER FOR 19

by Jim Lucas

The perennially underdog Kenyon swimming team has a feeling that 19 straight conference championships will put their OAC swimming crown in jeopardy. It’s almost become a habit. The same week Joseph Stalin died a March 5, 1953, the College of Wooster won the OAC swimming championship. That year, the first oligomen bonus was exploited. Joe McCarthy began to lose jam with the masses. In March, the French forces were under siege at Dien Bien Phu, and Paris wired Washington, saying that only an American invasion could save Indochina. That same month Kenyon beat Wooster and Oberlin to win the OAC championship.

For eighteen years, following the French defeat in Indochina, Kenyon conference swimming meet. On pa-

per, Kenyon is a distinct underdog. The top twelve dual meet times of the OAC season do show favor-

ity with a 124 point advantage over Coach Steve’s tanks.

ALL-AMERICANS

Denison is entering the meet with six All-American swimmers and much more depth than Kenyon. Fur-

ther this year, Kenyon loses a dual meet to Denison and took 2nd to the Big Red in the OAC Relays. Though Kenyon has several All-American swimmers, the squads lost three through graduation, and inad-

dition will be without NCAA record holder Rich James. But there is room for some hope. The performances of returning All-

American John Kirkpatrick, Jim Looney, John Davis, and co-captain Brad and Mathews and 1964 All-American Walker have been encouraging. All lead the OAC with dual meet times in their particular events. In addition, Kenyon will go to the meet with the two fastest relay units in the conference.

NUMBER 10

Last year, Kenyon went into the meet as underdogs. The Lords saw this as the best of 2-2-1H system. If you enjoyed all your swims, you had to be at the event. In some ways, they have was no over-

whelming margins, while in others, the Lords have been behind down to the final relay. This means it is impossible to predict a winner until the meet is over.

A week before the 1970 conference meet, a Division one said, “There is absolutely no doubt in my mind who will win the conference championships. There is no way Kenyon could ever beat us.”

That was this year. Kenyon was by a record-breaking 100 points. But this year, it appears that Denison has a right to confi-

dence; this time they really are the better team. Of all the 10 year old final score will tell.

The preliminaries begin on day one will begin at 11:00 pm, and the finals at 7:00 am each day. Tickets will be available at the door.

CONCLUSIONS

Saturday morning meeting (Feb. 19

to 12:30) theKenyon hockey team had to come from behind twice to earn a 5-3 tie with Denison. Scoring star for the Lords’ levers 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 slopes changing. However this time was toughly

enjoyed by the definitive trio of freshmen George Swinstead and Doug Bean and veteran Jeff Mosher who were the
determined. For those of you planning to attend the OAC Swimming Championships at Oberlin, the following are the recommended directions: Take Route 29 to Rt. 15; Rt. 15 North to Interstate 71, Interstate 71 North to the Ashland exit 250; Rt. 250 to Rt. 88; Rt. 88 North to Rt. 58; and Rt. 58 to Oberlin. The site of the meet is the brand new Oberlin Physical Edu-

cation Building.

Also, you 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.

In the 1953 OAC wrestling Tournament, held during the week-end at Mount Union, Kenyon finished up with 11.5 points. Baldwin-Wallace took first place with 75 points. 16 points ahead of second place finisher Wooster. The only notable individual perfor-

mances for Kenyon were turned in by Jim Bracken in the 155 lb. class, and Dick Hulkin in the heavyweight division. All other Lords 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 1-9. However Bracken finished with the second best dual meet mark for Kenyon 7-1-1 ledger.

In the heavyweight division defense came suddenly to Rick Sallagyi in the finals. After advancing to the finals by virtue of two wins follow-

ing a first round bye, he was leading his opponent from Defiance with 29 seconds left. Both were in a

Matmen Take 9th at OAC

by Jim Lucas

The author of this letter was a three-time Kenyon OAC diving champion for Kenyon several years ago. His students, Faculty, and friends of Kenyon College. It was indeed a great honor and thrill to have been a part of the team that won numbers 18, 14, and 17.

The swimming team’s success down through the years can be attributed to the students and faculty, as well as the swimmers, drivers, and coaches that have led 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. Old Western’s pool for the final night of the championships at my senior year, helped by the support we received from these fantastic fans we won on that night to destroy Denison.

The purpose of this letter as you’ve already guessed is to ask you only to try to make it to the meet on March 3rd and 4th for this year’s OAC Swimming Championships. The team you are so very proud of and well-supported will need you. If you will attend the meet, take note number 19. Most of all, coach Brian and the entire swim-

ning team.

Randy Greg Offenburger “Trigga”
LORDS’CAP’ Crusaders 77-69

Open OAC Tourney Thursday

by Richard Clarke

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

That journalist is either a prophet or a genius at motivating underdogs—Kenyon upset the nationally-ranked (8th in the 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 overall record and a free game win against Millwood on Thursday, where they open the 1972 tournament with a 7 p.m. game against Heidelberg at Mt. Healthy.

The win, witnessed by an un-believing soldout crowd of 2200 in Columbus trimmed 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. Consequent-ly, that honor was grabbed by Wittenberg after their weekend victory over Bluffton.

Kenyon played the heavily-favored Crusaders to a standstill from the opening tip. For the first 25 minutes of action, it was a close and evenly-contested battle as the score was tied 13 times in the first half. But the Lords overtook Cap 14-6 in the second stanza and never looked back.

Jim Smith provided a large measure of the Lords’ first half offense.Bert Simpson, by hitting 20 points on a fantastic outside shooting display, Meanwhile, Capital matched the Lords basket for basket with very few breaks, adding only an offensive attack led by 6-5 center Mike Stumpf inside, and guard/Scott Wunder, who was effective from the perimeter. At the intermission Cap held a slim 11-10 advantage in the score.

The second half was more of the same until Jim put two baskets from Bob Arnold and one from Don Kah for a 50-59 advantage with 11:39 to play. The partisan Crusaders crowd was keyed for the balance of the 1st half, off the floor, but it never was able to make a key break in the second half.

STUMPF INJURED

W. Ohio junior guard Ed Meyer, a key factor in Capital’s tournament exit last season, broke his left hand preventing him from playing the game. Capital fans were left to hope for a chance to get revenge on Jim Stumpf, the pace setter on a team which was emotionally unsuited to a last stand battle.

Jim Smith misses out on one of his 25 field goal attempts against Capital, of which he made 13 Defeating is Cap’s Don Kah.

UP FOR TWO, Marty Hunt, the OAC’s leading scorer, is the crucial basket which Kenyon ahead in the 2nd half of Saturday’s upset win over Cap.

The game statistics illustrated Lord’s tremendous performance. Kenyon hit 45% of his field goal at-temps and a fantastic 95% from the foul line (10-10). In addition the Lords rebounded Cap to a virtual standstill as the hosts had only 7 more rebounds than the virus. Jim Kah said after the game, “The players felt like they had a miracle.” In retrospect, they more than merited fulfilling it.

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Trackmen Prepare for Conference

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

Freshman distance ace Tom Long and Bradford Footes middle-distance runner Ray Andrews, Jim Stumpf, Jim Brooke and Shane Mastic are other key members. Of particular significance to this team is the return of Jack Thompson, seniors Sam Barone and John Callison, junior Bessie, Mike Booth, Dave Winters, Pinky Thompson, seniors Sam Barone and Mike Booth, and a wealth of talent on the bench. Among them is the return of Jack Thompson, seniors Sam Barone and Mike Booth, and a wealth of talent on the bench.