

## OKLAHOMA CITY O. U. BOOSTERS

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cago in 1931 Dawson finished a foot back of Ray Putnam of Iowa State and Ralph Hill of Oregon, in a mile race won by Putnam in 4:18 flat. Dawson, at Putnam's elbow, couldn't have done slower than 4:18.5 that day. In the National Collegiate meet of 1930 Dawson finished sixth in the two mile race won by Harold Manning, of Wichita university, in 9:18.1. Dawson was unofficially clocked in 9:27 that day by Coach John Jacobs, six seconds faster than his own university outdoor record. However the big Skiatook boy didn't get credit for either of these fine marks as all the watches were on the winner, only man in the race given official time.

As a graduate runner in 1932 Dawson ran in the National Collegiate 880-yard dash in which graduates as well as collegians were permitted to compete because it was Olympic year. He finished a close second to Hornstobel, of Indiana, who won in 1:53.5, which meant Dawson was inside 1:54. As an indoor runner that year Dawson was third to George Lermond in the National A. A. U. indoor three mile race at Madison Square Garden. Lermond's time was 14:26.6 which meant the big Sooner had done about 14:40. Dawson was also credited with a 30:19 six miles in the National A. A. U. crosscountry run at Ypsilanti, Michigan, in November of 1931, although his time wasn't official because he finished third while another man, Clark Chamberlin of Michigan State, won the race in 29:40.8. Dawson also did approximately 9:18 in placing third to Joe McCluskey of Fordham in the American team steeplechase finals last July at Palo Alto. However the race was won by McCluskey in 9:14.5 and so Dawson's mark won't go on the books.

Warren "Bus" Moore, diminutive Sooner half-miler from Oklahoma City, ran a 1:56 half-mile in the Big Six outdoor meet at Lincoln, Nebraska last May but finished third in the race which was won by Glen Cunningham of Kansas in 1:53.5, a new conference record. Moore was also right at 1:59.9 in the Big Six indoor half-mile of 1931, finishing inches behind Bob Ostergard of Nebraska who set a new conference record of 1:59.8. Yet the books show Moore's fastest official half-mile as 1:58.

Clifford Mell, talkative Sooner broad-jumper from McKinney, Texas, leaped 24 feet 5¼ inches here last April in a dual meet between the varsity and freshmen teams, a mark that surpasses Harold "Hap" Morris' present university outdoor record. However the mark wasn't allowed because it was not made against a team opponent of equal standing. Mell also jumped 24 feet 8¼ inches in the Big Six outdoor meet of 1931 but the mark was not permitted because a gale blew at his back.

Alfred "Hippo" Howell, of Nowata, 200-pound university record holder in the discus and outdoor shot, is a splendid example of a man who could seldom equal his best practice performance in a meet. Although Howell ten times has thrown the discus over 150 feet in practice, once spinning it out 154 feet, his best official record is 146 feet 9 inches.

The university outdoor record in the mile relay is 3:23.3. However in the Big Six outdoor meet at Lincoln last spring the Oklahoma quartet of Captain Clifford Mell, Frank Abbott, Charles Mooney and Charles Hewett finished close behind the Nebraska team of Lee, England, Rodgers and Ostergard which set a new Big Six record of 3:19.6. The Sooner team was well under the old Big Six record that day.

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## KREUGER'S BILLION DOLLAR BUBBLE

Earl Sparling, ex '17. *Kreuger's Billion Dollar Bubble*. New York. Breenberg. \$2.50.

**W**HEN the credit of great nations was on the wane, or had disappeared entirely, Ivar Kreuger stepped into the breach, borrowed on his own credit, and loaned the proceeds to hard pressed nations; and as a recompense he received from them secret match monopolies. Those were the outward signs of his enterprise, but in reality it was a rigged thing from top to bottom. Silent and mysterious in all that concerned the nefarious schemes which he concocted and carried through, yet talkative to a degree about world economics and the trials and tribulations of nations, this charming master swindler moved across the face of the earth with a verve and an abandon that rushed leading Wall street bankers off their feet, hoodwinked big accounting concerns, and ultimately ruined thousands of investors. The shot that snuffed out his life shook the very foundations of the banking system of his own country, and for the first time this so-called wizard of finance, this goliath of industry, this weaver of magical dividends, this man of mystery, whose personality seemed to include the finest traits of Scandinavian character, stood revealed as nothing but a common swindler, a cheap forger, and one of the most colossal frauds of all time. Mr Sparling tells his story well, and bases it strictly upon the facts divulged since Kreuger's death.—FRANK HARPER.

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