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Beede Long—NEA all-American honorable mention; NEA Missouri Valley territory first team; NEA all-Big Six first team; UP, AP, Oklahoman and Cochran all-Big Six second teams; and Oklahoman all-state collegiate first team.

Ben Poyner—NEA Missouri Valley second team; AP and Oklahoman all-Big Six first teams; NEA and McBride all-Big Six second teams; UP all-Big Six honorable mention; Oklahoman all-state collegiate first team.

Jack Harris—UP, AP and Cochran all-Big Six second teams; and Oklahoman all-state collegiate first team.

Jeff Coker—McBride all-Big Six second team; UP and Cochran all-Big Six honorable mention; and Oklahoman all-state collegiate second team.

J. W. "Dub" Wheeler—McBride all-Big Six first team; and UP and Cochran all-Big Six honorable mention.

Mickey Parks—McBride all-Big Six second team; and Oklahoman all-state collegiate second team.

Ralph Brown—UP and Cochran all-Big Six honorable mention.

Melbourne "Nig" Robertson—UP and Cochran all-Big Six honorable mention.

Ken Little—Cochran all-Big Six honorable mention.

## The Two-Mile Team

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**P**ACED by undefeated Floyd Lochner, the blond Agra Antelope, Coach John Jacob's five-man team of two-mile runners brought a successful fall season to a close when it finished second in the Big Six conference meet at Lawrence, Kansas. Victors in six out of seven dual meets, the Sooner harriers bowed only to one team during the season, the Kansas Aggies defeating them 29 to 26 in a dual meet at Norman, November 17, and finishing ahead of them in the conference meet the next week.

The Sooner quintet was composed of Lochner, Elwood Cleveland, Denzil Boyd, Clyde McGinnis and Bob Butler. All will return for next year's campaigning along with several promising runners from this year's freshman squad and Loris Moody, number two in 1933, who has been out of collegiate competition since he received a broken leg in December, 1933, when a horse he was riding fell on him. These distance stars bid fair to establish an even better record in 1935 than the one made this year.

The 1934 record:

Oklahoma	40;	Denton Teachers	9
Oklahoma	32;	Texas University	23
Oklahoma	39;	Okla. Ags 15, Central 1	
Oklahoma	36;	Oklahoma Aggies	19
Oklahoma	31;	Missouri University	24
Oklahoma	39;	Denton Teachers	16
Oklahoma	26;	Kansas Aggies	29
Kansas Aggies	37;	Oklahoma 52;	Missouri 54;
Nebraska	79;	Kansas 103;	Iowa State not entered.

(In the Big Six meet the scoring order was reversed, low scorer winning.)

Lochner, Cleveland, Boyd and McGinnis formed the nucleus of this year's squad and Coach Jacobs was forced to recruit Butler, a hurdler who had never run a step of distance racing, for the fifth position. Butler's developing into a 10:35 two-miler was a highlight of the season.

Cleveland, number two, finished second to Lochner in four of the meets and was under ten minutes on two occasions. Boyd and McGinnis ran nip and tuck all season, Boyd shading his former Tulsa high school running mate in victories, both being close to 10 minutes in every meet.

Lochner, the answer to a coach's prayer, won handily in every meet. He gave two exhibitions of stamina and courage on Owen field during the halves of the Missouri and Iowa State football games that will long be remembered. In the Missouri

meet, Hardy, lanky Tiger ace, drew abreast of Lochner 150 yards from the finish and then, while thousands stood in noisy tribute, the Sooner wheel-horse unleashed a blazing burst of speed down the home stretch that left Hardy 40 yards in the lurch. At the Iowa State game, date of the Sooner-Denton Teachers race, Glen Dawson, former O.U. distance star and Olympic team steeple chase member, running under the colors of the Skelly Athletic Club of Tulsa, provided the chief competition. That day Lochner ran his greatest race of the season, winning in 9:38.5. Dawson was not in tiptop form and came home in 9:49.1.

Lochner led a field of 25 around the eight gruelling laps at Lawrence in the Big Six meet in a stabbing north wind over a track made soft by snow, winning as he pleased from Funk, Nebraska iron man, in 10:05.

No prediction for the future distance running laurels this hard working, machine-like harrier will garner seems too optimistic. Although Lochner has been running distance races since his grade school days, his running form, effortless in its rhythmic grace, is probably the real secret of his great staying qualities. No barrel chest, no bulgy leg and arm muscles; just a supple symmetry is his. Lochner's slender form belies his strength, for he has been intra-mural 135-pound boxing champion for the past two years.

Lochner placed fifth in the Intercollegiate at Los Angeles last June. His time of 9:38.5 this fall is a great improvement over his best of the 1933 cross country season. Should he keep coming on as he has been it is probable that a 9:15 two-mile will be turned in by him no later than this spring.

Efforts are now afoot to enter Lochner in the indoor meets in the eastern states that begin in February. If these plans materialize, the experience gained in competing in such fast company will no doubt be the needed tonic to catapult the Sooner flyer to the front of the collegiate two-milers no later than the summer of 1935.

Harold Keith, former distance running great of Oklahoma, is of the opinion that Lochner will not only break all existing Sooner records hung up during the past five years, but also will make a formidable foray upon national records in the remaining two years of his collegiate competition.

