

Dunkel - Alice, you have me on the edge of my chair, but our time is up. Dr. Allen, will you let us come back some other time and finish our stories?

Dr. Allen-You certainly may. We shall all want to hear more of your many interesting experiences.

Dunkel -- It may be a far cry from dance to athletic teams, but I think the situations are comparable in dramatic moments. You haven't said one thing regarding your emotional high lights before game or half-time sessions. What was your greatest?

Dr. Allen-Well, that is another tough one for me to answer. I have been asked that so many times - who were my greatest players and what was the greatest game situation? Shades of Tommy Johnson, Tus Ackerman, Al Peterson, Paul Endacott, Charlie Black, Ray Ebling and all the rest march before me. But if I had to choose one thrilling experience it would be the time that Bill Johnson flew back from Oklahoma City immediately after his father's funeral, to participate in the final and championship game of the Big Six here on Mount Oread. We were playing Oklahoma. Missouri and Kansas State were playing at Manhattan. It was necessary for Kansas State to beat Missouri, and Kansas to beat Oklahoma for Kansas to win an undisputed title. No one expected Bill Johnson to play. Just before the referee's whistle to begin the play, this tall, lean boy emerged from nowhere, it seemed, and strode down the auditorium floor! Bedlam broke loose! The roof fairly blew off the auditorium. Pandemonium reigned! Men shrieked, women wept. It was Bill Johnson! How could he arrive for this game? Four hundred miles away and less than five hundred minutes before this boy had wired newspaper men that he would not be here. Bill Johnson's mother decided the issue. She told him he should go. It was what his father would want him to do. Well, this is the answer. Kansas State beat Missouri, and Kansas won a glorious victory and the Big Six championship. The rest of the year Bill Johnson was the biggest man on the Kansas campus. It was not alone on account of his playing. It was because Bill Johnson was the type of man that he was and is.