

# The Sooner season

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**A**FTER showing in their early games that they could do about everything else, Sooner gridsters proved they could take it, when after suffering two straight losses, they came back to run over Iowa State 19 to 12.

After taking victories from Tulsa, Kansas and Kansas State and dropping a close one to Texas, injuries and general weariness began to tell on the small squad.

Oklahoma A. and M. possessing lots of physical odds but not more than the Sooners had been facing, took a 7 to 0 decision from Coach Lewie Hardage's off-stride team. Bob Dunlap's passes, which had been clicking for an average of .500 against the first foes, failed to find receivers in the tilt with the state farmers. In fact, the Aggies stole the Sooner's aerial thunder by making their touchdown possible with passes. A long pass put the leather on the Oklahoma 3-yard strip and was plunged over in three tries.

Sooner football stock reached what probably was its low point of the season in the Homecoming game with Missouri. The Tigers, in their first season, under Coach Frank Carideo, hadn't won a single time until they came to Norman.

Finding that Oklahoma was unable to solve their spinner play over the line, the Missouri quarterback called big Carl Johanningmeir on this formation time after time. When the Sooner defense was pulled in to stop Johanningmeir, Woody Hatfield would shoot around end for sizable gains. These tactics gave the Missourians touchdowns in the second and third periods and both goals were kicked.

Oklahoma's attack showed two of the flashes of brilliance the returning alumni expected of it. One of these drives, in the fourth quarter, ended with Dunlap travelling five yards through Missouri's line for the lone Sooner touchdown. His passes to James "Red" Stacy and Fred Cherry and "Salty" Dick Simms' slashing runs had taken the ball there. The other was halted on Missouri's 2-yard line by the gun ending the first half.

November 12 at Ames, Iowa the Hardagemen proved their courage. With

Bill and Art Panze and Smith Watkins out of the game with injuries, a charley horse making it painful for Dunlap to run, and nearly every other man on the team nursing some reminder of the preceding games, the Sooners smashed, scampered and passed their way to a 19 to 12 victory over Iowa State. The final score should have been 19 to 6 as a time-keeper's mistake allowed the second Cyclone score after the game should have ended.

The pleasing part of the victory was the way the ground division of the Oklahoma attack functioned after having been impotent for over a month.

Simms, back in stride although knee and ankle injuries were bothering him, cut through the Iowa forwards for numerous gains. Once he carried the ball on a single-handed 75-yard march which ended on the Cyclone one-yard stripe.

Stacy, who had been moved to full-back from tackle for his blocking prowess, also blossomed out as a ball carrier. The big redhead snared one of Dunlap's passes and raced 40 yards for the first touchdown and plunged short distances for the other two.

The game that had the fans screaming was the 20 to 13 victory over Kansas State in the Dad's day fray October 23.

A pass from Dunlap to Art Pansze was good for 36 yards and the game's first touchdown. Dunlap's placekick for extra point was good. After this score, the Sooner offensive was impotent while Ralph "Rammer" Graham smashed the line and "Dodging Doug" Russell skirted end to give the Kansas team a 13 to 7 lead as the fourth period opened.

A 40-yard pass Dunlap to Ab Walker gave Oklahoma its second touchdown and the score was tied after Dunlap missed his try for extra point. The Kansans then became a bit rattled and a moment later Dunlap retrieved one of their aerials in the flat zone and ambled 50 yards to a touchdown without being bothered. His accurate placekick made the score 20 to 13 and put the Sooners safely ahead, although the Wildcat's sensational thrusts at the goal had the fans bothered the remaining time.

The hardest blow received during the entire season was the loss of Bill Pansze,

whose sensational runs gave spectators their biggest treats and caused the enemy defense to spread out so the passing attack could have a chance of working. Pansze got his knee twisted in the Texas tilt and was declared out for the remainder of the season. He may be able to play next fall.

Every team the Sooners have played this fall has possessed a physical advantage over them. By the time the half-way mark of the season had been reached, the squad had dwindled down to less than 30 men. Some days, not enough players to make two full teams report to Hardage and his assistant, John "Bo" Rowland.

One of the finest exhibitions of Oklahoma grid history has been put on this season by Ab Walker, 140-pound senior. Walker started his Sooner career as a quarterback, played this position all of his first two seasons and during the first part of this fall's schedule. Then Bill Pansze and Simms were both hurt at the same time. Walker was made into a running halfback and performed very creditably there in the Kansas State, Oklahoma Aggie and Missouri games.

When Art Pansze's thumb was broken, Hardage had to have a blocking halfback. Walker was called on for the blocking duties in the Iowa State fray. The fact that Simms was able to run for gains like he did is a tribute to Walker's blocking ability.



## The Stillwater meeting

The Former Students Association of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college continued its fine tradition of hospitality when it entertained the members of the University of Oklahoma Association executive board at Stillwater in the Tiger Tavern October 29. The Aggies had more than three hundred persons at their Homecoming meeting, over which Orville Savage of Ponca City, re-elected president of the Aggie Association, presided. It happens that this year the presidents of both Associations hail from Ponca City, Chester Westfall, '16journ, the Sooner prexy, also being from the northern oil metropolis.

President Westfall and Secretary Frank S. Cleckler, '21bus, were the Sooner speakers. Mr Westfall spoke warmly of the spirit of co-operation which actuated the two Associations, expressed the hope that it would continue in the future, and promised the aid of Oklahoma in working out mutual problems. This was Mr Savage's promise, likewise. Secretary Cleckler introduced the members of the Oklahoma board present, these being Hirman Impson, vice president Lewis Morris, vice president Shelley Tracy of Dallas, Lee B. Thompson, A. N. "Jack" Boatman, A. S. "Mike" Monroney, and W. L. Eagleton.