

They call him the "Cagey Scot"—Hugh V. McDermott, '20s, popular Sooner basketball coach. His lanky pupil is Jack Robertson, basketball squadman.

## The Cage Race Is On

**C**OACH HUGH VIRGIL McDERMOTT'S Oklahoma basketball team beat Missouri twice at Columbia, split a two-game series with Kansas Jayhawks at Lawrence and came back to Norman very much in the chase for the Big Six championship.

The successful road trip closed in the middle of January and completed the schedule for the first semester. Final examinations took over the interest of the Sooner basketball squad late in the month

### SOONER BASKETBALL RECORD

Sooners 38,	Kansas Aggies 32
Sooners 47,	Kansas Aggies 34
Sooners 38,	Missouri 28
Sooners 33,	Missouri 29
Sooners 23,	Kansas 50
Sooners 36,	Kansas 26

#### Games Remaining

Feb. 4—	Iowa State at Ames.
Feb. 9—	Nebraska at Norman
Feb. 11—	Iowa State at Norman
Feb. 15—	Kansas State at Manhattan
Feb. 16—	Kansas State at Manhattan
Feb. 18—	Nebraska at Lincoln
Feb. 22—	Missouri at Norman
Feb. 23—	Missouri at Norman
March 6—	Kansas at Norman
March 7—	Kansas at Norman

### KANSAS BASKETBALL RECORD

Kansas 39,	Missouri 29
Kansas 36,	Missouri 27
Kansas 40,	Kansas Aggies 14
Kansas 50,	Sooners 23
Kansas 26,	Sooners 36

#### Games Remaining

Jan. 26—	Kansas Aggies at Lawrence
Feb. 9—	Iowa State at Lawrence
Feb. 11—	Nebraska at Lawrence
Feb. 15—	Nebraska at Lincoln
Feb. 18—	Iowa State at Ames
Feb. 22—	Kans. Aggies at Manhattan
Feb. 23—	Kans. Aggies at Manhattan
March 1—	Missouri at Columbia
March 2—	Missouri at Columbia
March 6—	Oklahoma at Norman
March 7—	Oklahoma at Norman

and kept them inactive until February 4 when they were to resume competition against Iowa State at Ames.

If the Oklahomans can continue their winning ways against Kansas State, Iowa State and Nebraska, the season promises to come down the stretch with the final two-game series against Kansas in the Sooner Fieldhouse the championship deciding factor.

The sensational feat of coming back to defeat Phog Allen's Kansans on its home court by ten points after going down by twenty-seven points the night before reminded Sooner fans of a similar feat performed back in 1916 by Bennie Owen's Sooners in a Missouri series.

Howard McCasland, Homer Montgomery, Jess Fields, Red Whisenant, John Brown, Dutch Brewer and Elmer Ponder were on the Oklahoma squad that lost 50 to 20 one night and came back to win 29 to 28 the second evening, a difference of 31 points.

The record at Lawrence this year beat the mark of 1916, however, since the Sooners showed an improvement of 37 points the second night.

The Oklahomans started the season unimpressively with a green team. A game was won over the Oklahoma Aggies and then the Cowboys beat the Sooners at Stillwater. Opening the Big Six schedule, Coach McDermott, popularly known as the cagey Scot, fired up his rookie quintet and pulled a couple of wins in a two-game series against Kansas State at Norman. The pair of triumphs at Missouri and the split at Lawrence, gave Sooner fans hope that the group of Sooner sophomores might be able to do what no other conference team except Kansas has done for the past five seasons—win a championship.

The Javhawks are after their fifth consecutive Big Six championship and are heavy favorites to repeat since they have a veteran five.

Omar "Bud" Browning, the only Sooner regular back this year, was given splendid support by three sophomores—Herman "Red" Nelson, Tee Connelley and



Don Gunning — as the season started. Don Hays, Ed Warren, Stan Tyler and Francis Cobb, squadmen, also fitted into the Sooner basketball scene and brought the team through the first part of the schedule in good shape.

### Grid Schedule Completed

The addition of the University of Colorado, Boulder, and the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, to the Sooner football schedule for 1935 brought the total number of games to nine, the maximum

Sept. 28—	Colorado at Norman
Oct. 5—	New Mexico at Norman
Oct. 12—	Texas at Dallas
Oct. 19—	Iowa State at Norman*
Oct. 26—	Nebraska at Lincoln*
Nov. 2—	Kansas at Norman*
	(Homecoming Day)
Nov. 9—	Missouri at Columbia*
Nov. 16—	Kansas State at Manhattan
Nov. 28—	Oklahoma Aggies at Norman
	(Thanksgiving Day)

\* Denotes Big Six conference game.

allowed by the administrative council of the University and by the Big Six conference without special dispensation.

The 1935 schedule includes five games at Norman, three on the gridirons of opponents and one game on neutral territory—that one against Texas at Dallas.

Colorado is co-champion of the twelve-team Rocky Mountain conference and New Mexico is champion of the Border conference. Frank Potts, '27as, former all-Missouri Valley conference halfback at Soonerland, is a member of the Colorado coaching staff.

Gwinn Henry, former University of Missouri football coach, is director of athletics and head gridiron coach at New Mexico. His team won eight of nine games during the past season, losing only to the University of Arizona. The Lobos were undisputed Border conference champions.

The Big Six schedule is arranged dramatically with the Oklahomans meeting the conference championship Kansas State Wildcats the last game of the season at Manhattan.

Coach Ad Lindsey's Kansas Jayhawks will be Homecoming foes at Norman and the Oklahoma Aggies will be Thanksgiving Day opponents on Owen field.

The offer of Oklahoma City University to play a game with the Sooners in Oklahoma City had to be refused by the University athletic council since only nine games may be played during the season. The administrative council recently expressed itself opposed to a ten-game schedule that would have to gain special sanction by the Big Six conference officials.

Chicago University of the Big Ten conference and Vanderbilt may be included on the 1936 schedule.

The athletic council has adopted a new policy of attempting to schedule games several years in advance so that opponents of particular inter-sectional interest may be placed on the Sooner slate.

The Sooner coaches—Lewie Hardage and John "Bo" Rowland—are preparing to hold spring training late this winter, starting in February. It will be completed early in the spring so as not to conflict with gridmen who wish to try out for places on Coach Lawrence "Jap" Haskell's baseball team, Coach John Jacobs' track team and Coach John O. Moseley's tennis team.

Approximately twenty-three lettermen and fifty freshmen and squadmen are expected to report for spring drills.

### INTRAMURALS GROW

Although more desperately in need of equipment than ever before, physical education and intramural programs at the University of Oklahoma are growing to such proportions that they can now hold their heads up with any department in the University.

"In the old days everybody laughed at what they then called the University's

course in 'physical exercise.'" recalls Director Ben G. Owen. "But it's different now. Instead of physical exercise we now have physical education, and also its extremely necessary adjunct, intramurals. Physical education teaches a student the correct fundamentals of health, athletics and sportsmanship and our intramural program gives him the opportunity to practice them. We aim to so thoroughly ingrain in the average student an interest and habit of correctly exercising his body while he's in school that he'll want to go right on doing it the rest of his life."

Last school year there were 3,001 male student participants in intramurals at the University, an all-time record, yet 1,281 have already reported for this fall's program as compared to 995 at this time last year. The total by years is 256 students for the school year ending 1926, 508 in 1927, 806 in 1928, 970 in 1929, 1,624 in 1930, 1,801 in 1931, 2,295 in 1932, 2,600 in 1933 and 3,001 in 1934.

Naturally an intramural program that has grown 1,500 percent in nine years requires a corresponding increase of equipment and this the university doesn't possess. A swimming pool is the crying need. The university is the only school in the Big Six conference that doesn't have a men's pool. Many other colleges have three or four. Completion of the physical education half of the Fieldhouse is another immediate need and would afford sorely needed floor space, apparatus and equipment rooms, practice play rooms and suitable locker facilities and dressing room space.

Competition in 17 sports, none of which cost him a cent, is now possible for every male student in the university. These sports are: playground baseball, touch football, handball, golf, tennis, crosscountry, horseshoes, basketball, wrestling, boxing, bowling, volleyball, free throws, baseball, track and field, sextathlon and swimming. Three new sports, badminton, squash and either soccer or speedball, probably will be introduced this coming school year, Owen said.

### Oklahoma Polo Record

*Sooners	8,	Okla. Military Academy	7
*Sooners	7,	Okla. Military Academy	11
Sooners	9,	Missouri	2
Sooners	12,	Missouri	5
Sooners	6,	Ft. Sill Officers	6
Sooners	12,	Iowa State	1
Sooners	11,	Iowa State	0
*Sooners	5,	New Mexico M. I.	12
*Sooners	13,	New Mexico M. I.	4
*rode opponents' ponies.			

Cecil Smith, the Texas cowboy, a 10-goal star and hero of the West's smashing polo triumph over the east last year, may play in an exhibition polo game against the University of Oklahoma team next spring, Capt. George R. Hayman, Sooner coach, has revealed.

Easily conquering all Big Six opposi-

tion, the Sooners won all their games but two this fall, splitting contests with the crack Claremore Cadet and New Mexico Military Institute. Inasmuch as the Sooners were able to divide two contests with the Claremore boys, using Claremore mounts, and using Roswell mounts administer a 13-4 thrashing to the New Mexico four that twice defeated Claremore, they feel they have one of the southwest's strongest teams.

"Much credit for our showing this fall is due Capt. Yeaton, who handled the conditioning and care of our ponies," declares Captain Hayman. "Although we won't play any more games until next spring, our ponies will be kept in shape by work in the bull pen and on the field, and our players will practice in the hitting cage."

Besides the match that may bring Smith to Norman, Hayman's Sooners probably will meet the Claremore and New Mexico fours again, and also Missouri, Iowa State, Texas Aggies, Fort Sill, Oklahoma City and Anadarko.

The Oklahoma individual scoring record for this fall:

Tom Walsh, 37 points; Kay Garnett, 23 points; Mack Humphreys, 16 points; Gordon Watts, 3 points; Harold Watters, 2 points; and Stratford Duke, 1 point.

### Sport Shots

Ted Owen, veteran trainer of Oklahoma athletic teams, is back from Williamsburg, Canada, where for four days he took treatments for arthritis from Dr. M. A. Locke, nationally known physician.

Jack Davis, Oklahoma swimmer and Big Six conference record-holder in the 220 and 440-yard free style events, already has swum 23 miles this year training for the 1935 meet at Lincoln, Nebraska, March 8 and 9.

Oklahoma basketball teams coached by Hugh McDermott have won 102 and lost 64 Missouri Valley and Big Six conference basketball games for a percentage of 0.614.

Floyd Lochner, Oklahoma's Big Six conference two-mile champion, ran three miles on the road in 14 minutes 47 seconds recently. Elwood Cleveland, a teammate, covered the distance in 14 minutes 58 seconds.

Cash Gentry, Oklahoma tackle, who made NEA's all-American eleven this year, is the fifth Sooner ever to make an all-American eleven. Others were Spot Geyer, '15, Phil White, '20, Soupy Smoot, '20, Granny Norris, '27.

The New Mexico Military Institute polo team hit only three balls out of bounds while trimming the Oklahoma four 12 to 5 at Roswell, New Mexico, recently. In a startling reversal of form, the Sooners came back the following day and defeated the New Mexico team 13 to 4, two of the four goals by New Mexico being kicked in by ponies.