

# On the Sports Front

**A** RECOMMENDATION that the present athletic set-up be maintained for another year has been adopted by the athletic council and submitted to Dr. W. B. Bizzell for consideration of the board of regents.

The recommendation that the five-man directorate of sports and that the present football coaches be retained for another year was adopted at a meeting of the council after an unfortunate week during which newspapers reported vital changes were about to be made in the department.

The official statement released by the athletic council following its meeting several days before Christmas follows:

"The athletic council will recommend to the president of the University that the present set-up be continued for another year. The present organization has been temporary, and it was only with the idea of establishing a permanent organization that the council considered at this time the advisability of selecting a permanent athletic director.

"Due to the present financial conditions, the athletic council found it impossible to secure a permanent athletic director.

"The matter of hiring an athletic director who would also serve as football coach was considered, but the council found that this program was not feasible at this time."

This statement was released after a hectic week during which football players, students at the University and newspapers expressed themselves freely concerning the advisability of changes in the department.

The five-man directorate, of which Dr. Guy Y. Williams is chairman, was established last spring with the idea that it be either a temporary set-up or that should it prove highly satisfactory that the five-man board be a permanent organization.

At the close of the past football season, the athletic council decided that steps should be taken to see if an athletic director could be employed satisfactorily at this time. Although the present five-man board had functioned successfully, it was considered that for the sake of permanency a regular director might be secured.

Lynn Waldorf, former Oklahoma Aggie coach and now Kansas State college football coach, was approached unofficially concerning his plans for the future. Unfortunately, word that he had been "visited" by a member of the council became known to newspaper writers.

Immediately, it was inferred that the council was dissatisfied with the football coaches. The council never expressed itself as dissatisfied with Lewie Hardage and

John "Bo" Rowland but was merely casting about to learn the advisability of employing a director.

When newspapers stated erroneously that Hardage and Rowland were not satisfactory, football lettermen called a meeting and voted that new coaches should be employed to take their places.

The council, a bit surprised at the stand taken by the football players, immediately began to investigate to see whether the present set-up was satisfactory. The vote taken by the players added fuel to the rumors and "inside dope" stories. The names of Lynn Waldorf and Captain "Biff" Jones, formerly of Louisiana State University, were frequently mentioned as successors.

The question of what salary could be paid a combination football coach and athletic director was discussed by council members and University regents were contacted in an effort to learn just how large a salary might be paid by the athletic council. Although the council would pay the salary of the director, the approval of the regents was necessary.

Regents expressed themselves unofficially that the salary of a director-coach should not exceed that of a dean or department head on the teaching staff. This limited the salary maximum to something around five thousand dollars. Since Lynn Waldorf's salary at Kansas State was in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars, men of his caliber and pay were automatically eliminated.

In the meantime, student organizations at the University were expressing their approval of Coaches Hardage and Rowland. A number of non-athletic organizations voted satisfaction with their records and their football leadership.

The football lettermen, reconsidering the stand they had previously taken, met again and voted almost unanimously that they were in favor of Hardage and Rowland being retained.

The athletic council, being unable to find a suitable director-coach and taking into consideration the stand of students and football players met after a week and voted the recommendation that the present set-up be maintained.

This will mean that Hardage and Rowland will be re-employed as coaches and that the five-man directorate again will be in charge of sports if the recommendation is accepted. The president of the athletic council will be chief executive of the five-man board.

Whether or not Dr. Guy Y. Williams

will again be president of the council and chief of the five-man board will not be decided until the annual election of officers in the spring and until approval has been given by the board of regents.

The athletic department functioned smoothly during the football season and was able to make a number of improvements including repairs and additions to the stadium, a better method of ticket sales and collections and brought harmony to the department.

The only regrettable feature was the attendance at the football games. It was considerably below the figure of last year both for home games and contests away from Norman.

The season's football record follows:

Oklahoma	7	Centenary	0
Oklahoma	0,	Texas	19
Oklahoma	0,	Nebraska	6
Oklahoma	7,	Kansas	7
Oklahoma	31,	Missouri	0
Oklahoma	12,	Iowa State	0
Oklahoma	7,	Kansas State	8
Oklahoma	0,	Oklahoma Aggies	0
Oklahoma	0,	George Washington	3
Oklahoma	64,	Opponents	43
Oklahoma	won 3,	lost 4,	tied 2.

## Eleven Sooner Gridmen Are Placed on All-Star Teams

Considering eleven all-star teams selected for this section of the country, eleven Oklahoma players were given positions. Each of the eleven identified himself sometime during the season while some coach, sports editor or official had his eye cocked to select an all-star team.

Of the eleven selections made, Gentry and Stacy placed on every one. Long scored on eight, Poynor seven, Harris four, Coker four, Wheeler three, Parks two, Brown two, Robertson two and Little one.

Following are the all-star selections won by Sooners:

Cassius "Cash" Gentry—NEA first all-American; AP and Grayson all-American honorable mention; NEA Missouri Valley territory first team; NEA, UP, Oklahoman and Cochrane all-Big Six first teams; AP and McBride all-Big Six second teams; and Oklahoman all-state collegiate first team.

Jim "Red" Stacy—Membership on West team in East-West New Year's game; NEA, AP and Grayson all-American honorable mention; NEA Missouri Valley

That powerful running machine, Floyd Lochner, undefeated during the fall season, is successfully filling the gap left by the graduation of Glen Dawson. In fact, young Lochner beat the mighty Dawson in a special race this fall and appears to be headed toward national collegiate championships.

territory first team; NEA, UP, AP, Cochran, McBride and Oklahoman all-Big Six first teams; Oklahoman all-state collegiate first team.

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.

