

The Biff Jones football system depends more upon smooth operation of team play than upon star individual performances, and Coach Jones spends plenty of time explaining to his squad the importance of smooth co-ordination. The picture shows him giving a blackboard lecture.

Jones system, second edition



SHORT on reserves but long in confidence in the Jones system, the Sooner football team faces a strenuous October schedule including games with Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa State.

The Colorado and Nebraska games will be played in Norman, with the latter designated as the annual Dad's day game.

Taking over an unfamiliar situation on short notice, Major Lawrence "Biff" Jones last year developed a Sooner team that won 6 and lost 3 games. It was the most successful record at Oklahoma in 15 years. No Oklahoma football team had won six games since Bennie Owen's Missouri Valley conference champions back in 1920.

The team gradually absorbed the technique of the Warner double wingback system, never used before by Oklahoma, and showed steady improvement throughout the season.

This fall, the squad started practice with much of the fundamental training already accomplished and was expected to come along much faster. Fans can reasonably expect to see a better balanced offense with a generous proportion of forward passing, since Major Jones necessarily had to emphasize the running and kicking games in his first season and had little time to develop the passing game.

Because of losing 14 of last season's 29 lettermen, Major Jones and his coaching aides faced a problem of developing good reserves.

The Sooner-Texas game October 10 at Dallas will take place on the Texas Centennial exposition grounds, and the crowd is likely to be the largest ever to see a Sooner team in action. Heavy advance sale of tickets began as early as late August. Fair Park stadium seats 45,000.

Prices for the Texas game are: boxes, \$3.30; west, \$2.20; east, \$2.20; shady end, \$1.65.

Because of the popularity of the special train service from Oklahoma City to Norman for the Sooners' home games, the Santa Fe railroad is continuing the plan this season. Last year the football special handled 2,238 passengers, each train hauling 340 to 650 persons.

The special train is a convenience not only to Oklahoma City fans but also to many Oklahomans who prefer to drive from their homes to Oklahoma City, park their cars there, and take the train to Norman for the game. By this plan they can avoid driving in heavy traffic.



Many names that made football history last year are missing from the Sooner lineup this fall. The lettermen lost are: Capt. Morris McDonald, center; Ken Little, Wesley Beck and Harry Ellis, guards; J. W. "Dub" Wheeler, and Dewey Tennyson, tackles; John Miskovsky and Jack Harris, ends; Melbourne "Nig" Robertson, Karey Fuqua and Delmar Steinbock, quarterbacks; and Raleigh Francis, Ben Poyner and Vivien Nemecek, backs.

Returning lettermen who form the backbone of the 1936 Sooner team are: William "Red" Konkright, center; Connie Ahrens, Fred Ball and Jiggs Walker, guards; Ralph Brown and Ferd Ellsworth, tackles; Pete Smith, John Bridges and Dean Cutchall, ends; Jack Baer, quarterback; and Elmo "Bo" Hewes, Albert Corrotto, Bill Breeden, Woodrow Huddleston and Raphael Boudreau, backs.

Breeden, Hewes and Corrotto, with Nig Robertson at quarterback, were in the backfield combination that closed the last season with a surge of power. Their names and performances are familiar to Sooner football fans.

Some of the linemen who will bear the brunt of the front wall duties this season

Ralph Brown, senior tackle, uses speed to offset his comparatively light weight when on the defense. His specialty is blocking punts. In the Kansas game last year he blocked both a punt and a placekick.

are not quite so well known to the public. Here's the way Tom Stidham, line coach, sizes them up:

"Red Conkright, senior center from Tulsa. Think he found himself in the Missouri game last year. There he really learned how to back up a line. Before, he'd usually commit himself too quickly, get caught behind the line and blocked out. Now he can come up and meet them. He's a pretty polished center. Passing is good. And he's got as much or more spirit and hustle than anybody. After we come out of a huddle Red's up on the ball in a hurry, jabbering and leading 'em on. He's gained some weight this summer. Going to be bigger than ever. Should have his best year. Glutton for work, full of pepper. Plain and likeable. All a coach could ask for.

"Connie Ahrens is a senior guard from Oklahoma City. Quiet, reserved, good dresser, clean talker, fine boy, president of Sigma Nu fraternity. About all he says on the practice field is 'Yes, sir, coach,' and 'No sir, coach.' Doesn't show lots of outward emotion or enthusiasm or talk, but inwardly he's a 100 per cent fighter and very dependable. Always eligible scholastically and we never have to worry about his training. He'll be in shape. His specialty is his offensive charge. Fast enough to go out and take the ends, and lead plays. When he was hurt last year and in the hospital, there were many calls from faculty members and others interested in him. One of those boys you'd like to have eleven of.

"Fred Ball, junior guard from Oklahoma City, was on the fourth team when he first came to the University. Jim Lookabaugh, the Capitol Hill coach, told me none of the schools was after him but that he believed Ball was as good as any of them. We found out Jim was right. When Ahrens got hurt last year I made a trip to Oklahoma City with a set of plays and told Fred we were going to give him a chance at that other guard position (he had played on the opposite side). We did and he's still there. Ball has had a hard time making ends meet. He hitch-hiked back and forth from Oklahoma City to Norman each day. Had to postpone a few meals as a freshman here. But he stayed put. He's a whistler and an auctioneer. Does both pretty well.

"Ralph Brown is a senior tackle from Hobart. There's a fire-eater. A boy weighing only 185 pounds yet going on the theory that as long as his opponent doesn't weigh over 215, they're even. Plenty fast. Leads plays on offense. Uses his speed on defense to offset his lack of weight. In the Kansas Aggie game last year he got his head cut open blocking a punt in the first half and we pretty near had to put him in chains to keep him out the second half. Showed his spirit and love for the game. His specialty is blocking punts. In the Kan-

William "Red" Conkright is the kind of center who is always full of hustle and spirit as the team comes out of a huddle. He is in his senior year and all set for his best season.



sas game last year he blocked both a punt and a placekick, something you don't see every day. Chosen on several all-Big Six teams.

"Ferd Ellsworth, senior tackle from El Reno. Last year he had a Dub Wheeler complex. This year he will be started in Dub's place. It's a big job but we feel that the responsibility will make him come through. Worked hard this spring and made good.

"Pete Smith, junior end from Muskogee. Looked very good the last part of the spring practice. Seemed to find himself. Over six feet tall and weighs 185. Should be set for a great year. Has all it takes to make a good end.

"John Bridges, junior end from Oklahoma City. Not a sensational player but steady and reliable. Blocks and tackles well. Lots of spirit and hustle. Came up last year from the fourth team to the first team."

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Emery wins again

Walter Emery, the University's big blond golfer, added to his national reputation by winning a difficult match in the Walker cup series at Clementon, N. J., in September.

Emery defeated Gordon Peters, veteran Scot on the British Walker cup team, one up in a hard-fought 36-hole singles duel.

He and Charley Yates held Peters and J. Morton Dykes of the British team to an all-square decision in a foursome match. This meant, under Walker cup rules, that neither team scored any points on this match.

The United States team won the cup by a score of 9 to 0, the most one-sided

FOOTBALL 1936

Sept. 26—Tulsa at Norman.

Oct. 3—Colorado at Boulder.

Oct. 10—Texas at Dallas.

Oct. 17—Kansas at Lawrence.

Oct. 24—Nebraska at Norman.

(Dads' Day)

Oct. 31—Iowa State at Ames.

Nov. 7—Kansas State at Norman.

Nov. 14—Missouri at Norman.

(Homecoming)

Nov. 21—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

NOTE—Tulsa game starts at 3 p. m. Other home games at 2 p. m.

defeat in the matches' history. The big silver cup, emblem of international golf supremacy, will spend approximately two months at Emery's home club, Twin Hills in Oklahoma City.

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St. John wins title

Arthur St. John, another member of the Sooner golf team, won the annual public links tournament at Oklahoma City, sponsored by the Civitan club.

In winning the title, he defeated Henry Robertson 4 and 3 and set a new course record over the difficult north 18 holes at Lincoln park course. Robertson twice has been state amateur champion.

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Dawson in Olympiad

Glenn Dawson, '31ex, former Sooner track star, went to Berlin with the United States track team and won a place in the finals of the 3000-meters steeplechase, but ran ninth in the finals. In a trial heat for four positions in the finals, Dawson varied between sixth and seventh place until the half way mark, but fought doggedly on the last lap to win his way to the finals.

Two members of the Sooner track team, Herman Nelson and Floyd Lochner, went to the final tryouts for the Olympic team but fell short of winning places on it.

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Dutch Hill returns

Back in the University to complete work for a degree, Harry "Dutch" Hill '21ex, was appointed part-time assistant to Jap Haskell, freshman football coach.

Hill was halfback on Bennie Owen's Missouri Valley championship team of 1920, and an all-Valley choice in 1921. He replaces Melbourne Robertson who was named for the position last spring but decided not to return because of business interests.

Kenneth Little, Altus, guard on the Sooner team last year, also was appointed an assistant freshman coach.

In 1920 Dutch Hill scored four touchdowns in the 36-0 defeat of the Aggies and ran 75 yards to score against Drake.