

# Sports review

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**P**ARTICULARLY noticeable to sideline fans who daily watch the Sooner spring football drills has been the fierce blocking of Gilford Duggan, 225-pound freshman tackle from Benton, Arkansas; the powerful yet nicely co-ordinated plunging of Bob Seymour, 195-pound freshman spinner back from Commerce, Oklahoma; and the general improvement of the team's backfield deception.

Save for J. W. "Dub" Wheeler, 230-pound tackle of 1935, it has been several years since a Sooner team had a tackle who looked as big and good as Duggan. In Cash Gentry, pantherish defensive tackle of 1934 and Ralph Brown, who graduates this spring, Oklahoma had two tackles who probably rank close to Sabe Hott, '11 as, greatest tackles for their pounds ever developed at Soonerland.

But there's an old adage that "a good big man is better than a good little man" and still another that "great football teams must have great tackles." That must be what Coach Tom Stidham had in mind when he checked out suits to the present group.

Although they'll be as green as new wheat, the Sooners of 1937 are coming along fine. The coaches have planned wisely and well and their patient tutoring is already bearing fruit.

## Cagers finish .750

No Big Six conference fell to the Oklahoma basketball team this past season and yet Coach Hugh McDermott's senior club enjoyed its best season in the past eight years. The proof? O.K.—

(1) Oklahoma won 7, lost 3 in the Big Six to finish third. Kansas and Nebraska tied for first with 8 wins and 2 losses each.

(2) Oklahoma won 12 and lost 4 for the season, defeating Southern Methodist university's Southwest conference champions twice and Coach Hank Iba's Missouri Valley conference champions from Oklahoma A. and M. once.

(3) Oklahoma routed her persistent road jinx in the Big Six, winning four

of five games away from Norman. The Sooners were the only club all year to defeat the co-championship Nebraska team at Lincoln.

Seven out of the first eight players graduate, Tee Connelley, Don Gunning, John Remy, Jerome "Shocky" Needy, Jay Thomas, Edward Otte and Herman "Red" Nelson. The 1938 team must be designed about the blocky chassis of Bill Martin, high scoring guard, and a sweet but inexperienced looking group of freshmen.

## Wrestlers skid yet look good

Although Coach Paul Keen's Sooner wrestling team won four of the eight individual championships, Iowa State college carried off the annual Big Six wrestling tournament at Lincoln, Neb., March 6. The Cyclones and Kansas State won only two championships each yet piled up enough seconds and thirds to crowd the crippled Sooners down to third place. Oklahoma previously had won the meet three consecutive times.

Only an unlucky accident kept the Sooners from the title, at that. Ten days

## COACHES HASKELL, LUSTER, STIDHAM, MOORE, ERSKINE MAP 1937 FOOTBALL PLANS

before the meet Billy Carr, Sooner 118-pounder who hasn't lost a bout in two years, broke his hand in practice. He tried to wrestle anyway at Lincoln with the broken member in a cast but after decisioning Knight of Nebraska, who had won 10 straight bouts this year, he was eliminated by Leimbrock of Kansas State, a game little midget whom Carr had beaten soundly earlier in the year.

D. C. Matthews, 126 pounds; Buster Anderson, 145; Port Robertson, 165; and Marshall Word, 175 pounds, were grapplers who won championships for Oklahoma. Bill Keas, who hadn't lost a bout all year, inadvertently stuck his head into a scissors hold and to everybody's amazement was pinned in 2 minutes 45 seconds by Farrel of Iowa State.

## New dash star

Although Coach John Jacobs' green Sooner track team finished sixth in the Big Six indoor meet March 6 at Columbia, Mo., Eddie Toribio, a 160-pound Sooner sophomore from New Orleans, La., won the 60-yard dash in 6.3 seconds, tying Whitley Cox's university indoor record, and apparently will be a power in the 100 and 220-yard dashes when the Sooners roll northward for the outdoor meet in May.

Great sprinters at Oklahoma have been few despite the plethora of skilled performers in all other events. Frank McCoy, '01 and John Darling, '06, were probably the best outdoors but both ran more than 30 years ago. Harold Adkinson, '28, and Whit Cox, '35, were probably the most formidable indoors prior to the coming of Toribio, who behaves perfectly at the starting line and digs hardest in the last half of the race.

## APRIL SPORTS

### Baseball

April 9, 10, Okla. Aggies at Stillwater.  
April 16, Edmond Teachers at Norman.  
April 22, 23, Okla. Aggies at Norman.  
April 28, Ada Teachers at Norman.

### Polo

April 1, 3, Texas Aggies at Norman.  
April 10, 11, O. M. A. at Claremore.  
April 23, New Mex. M. I. at Norman.

### Track

April 3, Texas Relays at Austin.  
April 17, Kansas Relays at Lawrence.  
April 24, Drake Relays at Des Moines.

### Golf

April 17, Wichita U. at Oklahoma City.

### Tennis

April 2, Tahlequah Teachers at Norman.  
April 8, Springfield, Mo., Teachers at Norman.  
April 17, Wichita U. at Norman.  
April 22, 23, Okla. Aggies at Norman.