

The Sports Review

By Harold Keith

A SOONER-AGGIE football game that promises to be a thriller is looming as Coaches Ted Cox of the Farmers and Tom Stidham of the Sooners bring their sophomore squads farther and farther along the highway of experience, the climax of which will be their own clash at Norman November 20 on Homecoming Day.

It's been a long time since an Oklahoma Aggie team has been placed on the Sooners' Homecoming date but Coach Ted Cox, whose Stillwater team won but one game last year, has developed a club this fall that is bucking and charging like a bronc on a frosty morning and should make the Sooners a capital opponent.

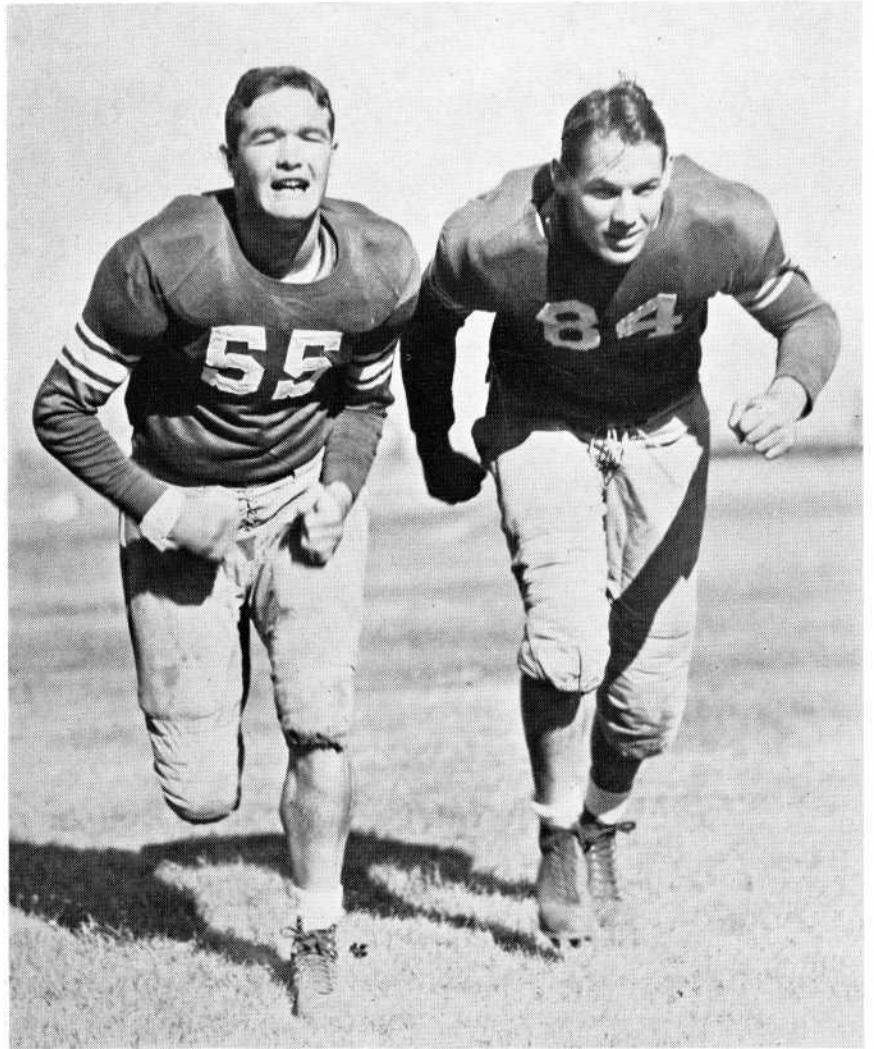
New faces in the scoring positions, morale so fiery it blazes, gradually increasing familiarity with Coach Cox's Minnesota system, that usually doesn't come until a coach's second or third season, are the reasons for the Aggie rejuvenation. But mainly the Cowboys are battling.

Take the Farmers' opener against the tough Wichita University team at Wichita, Kansas, late in September for instance.

Wichita unleashed a bruising attack to march straight down the field and score a touchdown. But the Aggies of 1937 weren't intimidated. They took the lead 7 to 6 themselves when Amos Goodfux, Indian sophomore end from Fairfax, caught three consecutive forward passes, the last in the end zone for a touchdown. Pete Rivers, a sophomore kid from Kingfisher, booted the goal.

Wichita again went ahead on a safety in the third quarter and led 8 to 7 going into the fourth. But again Cox's Aggie kids came from behind, the pugnosed Rivers shooting off his tackle and through the Wichita secondary for 71 yards and the winning touchdown. He kicked goal and the Farmers won that one, 14 to 8, on sheer fighting spirit.

The Aggies showed it was no fluke by tripping up Creighton, 16 to 13, at Stillwater October 2. The Farmer points were scored on a 21-yard field goal by Rivers, the kid sensation, and 67-yard march that ended with Fullback Melville Webb scoring a touchdown, and a 56-yard



Football experts are saying Waddy Young and Pete Smith, shown above, are the greatest pair of ends the Sooners have had for the last decade or two.



Every Sooner football game is being broadcast this year, and the microphone has been taken onto the practice field and into the dressing rooms. Broadcasting above are Announcers Cronkhite, Trainer Ted Owen, and Coach Tom Stidham.

drive in the third quarter that saw Webb shoot across for another touchdown.

Cox's youngsters from Stillwater had a wide margin in statistics, rolling up 20 first downs to Creighton's 8, 204 yards from scrimmage to Creighton's 66, and 173 yards by forward passes to Creighton's 91, overwhelming arithmetic that completely denies the closeness of the score.

"We'll be scored on by every team we meet this season, but maybe we'll do some scoring ourselves," the likable Aggie coach declared after the Creighton game.

Tulsa 19, Sooners 7

In the opening game of the season at Tulsa September 25 Coach Tom Stidham's Sooners halted Tulsa University's running game flat and stopped Morris White, sensational Golden Hurricane ball carrier, for the first time in his career, but they couldn't handle the Tulsa lateral and forward passing and lost, 7 to 19.

Tulsa's first touchdown came after a Sooner fumble on the Sooner 20-yard line, Tommy Thompson passing to Tudor Jones for the score. The Sooners then went into the lead when Pete Smith covered a Tulsa snapback on the Tulsa 23-yard line, Jack Baer passed to Woody Huddleston for 15 yards and Huddleston swept his right end for nine yards and the score behind excellent blocking by Waddy Young, Gene Corrotto, Al Corrotto and Baer. Raphael Boudreau came in and kicked the goal that gave the Sooners a 7 to 6 lead in the third quarter.

However, two plays later Thompson fired a long pass down the middle to Buster Baze and when Webber Merrell, Sooner safety, tackled Baze the latter flipped a lateral to Curly Hayes for the score. The final Tulsa touchdown came when Paul Rogers lateraled Merrell's punt to Jones who ran 56 yards to a score.

Pete Smith's great defensive play was the Oklahoma feature.

Sooners 6, Rice 0

However one week later Coach Stidham's green Sooners did a complete about-face and kept inviolate their 13-year-old record of not having lost a Norman opener by defeating the strong Rice Owls of the Southwest conference, 6 to 0.

Oklahoma scored in the first eight minutes of play when Fullback Jack Baer sparked a 56-yard drive to a touchdown, throwing three consecutive passes, the final one a 14-yard shot which Pete Smith leaped up and snared in the end zone. Baer missed goal.

However Baer was taken from the game in the second quarter with a broken cheek bone and although Oklahoma under his leadership had driven to the Rice 14, 22, 36, 38, 40 and 41-yard lines only to have a record scourge of penalties bring all the plays back, Oklahoma didn't score again. Rice assumed the offensive in the last half and drove to Oklahoma's seven-yard line in the last four minutes, only

Ted Cox Says:



To the Student Body and Alumni of the University of Oklahoma:

Oklahoma A. & M. college—speaking for the coaching staff and varsity squad—welcomes the opportunity for the thirty-third renewal of football relations with the University of Oklahoma in the Memorial Stadium at Norman on Saturday afternoon, November 20.

The Sooner-Aggie game, as always, is a meeting we have been looking forward to this season. I will not venture a prediction as to the result of the contest, but I can say that because of the spirit of our squad this year I believe the outcome will be much closer than last year at Stillwater.

I might point out that a check of the records reveals the score of this traditional game in recent years has nearly always been close when played at Norman. Of the five games at Soonerland in the last ten years, the University won, 20-0 in 1935; A. & M. won, 13-0, in 1933 and 13-7 in 1927; and there were ties of 0-0 in 1931 and 7-7 in 1929.

I have a great deal of respect and esteem for Tom Stidham, your head football coach. I feel certain that the performances and keen rivalry of these two teams this year will provide students and other fans with one of the best games played in the state.

Yours sincerely,

TED COX,
Head Football Coach, Oklahoma Aggies.

to have the big Sooner line smother four plays.

Huddleston's vicious tackling from the safety position, Mickey Parks' great defensive play, Baer's superb triple threatening and choice of plays, George Grace's alertness and the usual brilliant all-round play of Al Corrotto and Pete Smith were Sooner features.

Sooners 7, Texas 7

A big, green Oklahoma football team that handled Texas roughly on the ground but was vulnerable to Texas forward passing, had to accept a 7 to 7 tie with Coach Dana Bible's Longhorns before 17,000 people in the Cotton Bowl stadium in the 32nd annual game October 9.

Coach Tom Stidham's white-shirted Sooners delighted the victory-starved Ok-

lahoma partisans who had braved the gray threatening weather by out-rushing Texas 136 yards to 68 and by pounding over a touchdown and kicking goal early in the second quarter.

Starting from the Texas 46-yard mark, right end Waddy Young and right tackle Howard Teeter pinned the Texas guard, Gene Corrotto took care of the end, Al Corrotto and Bob Seymour blocked the tackle and Woody Huddleston, the Sooners' Choctaw Indian quarterback, spurted through the divided line and cutting beautifully ran 38 yards to the Texas seven-yard mark before Charley Haas, fleetest of all the Longhorns pulled him down.

The Texas forwards made a magnificent stand here, charging so viciously that they drew two offsides and one holding penalty and gave Oklahoma seven plays on the goal line, Huddleston cutting back through his left tackle for a touchdown on the seventh. Raphael Boudreau was rushed in to kick goal and Oklahoma led, 7 to 0.

But three minutes later Bible's Longhorns tied the score when they traveled 61 yards on a forward passing advance with Lewis "Bullet" Gray, sophomore back, hurling two perfect shots and Field Judge Theron Fouts allowing another on interference to the Sooners 18-yard mark. From there Gray passed to Atchison in the flat zone for the touchdown and Gray kicked the goal that tied the score.

Although that was all the scoring for the day, Stidham's hustling Sooners twice had Texas under pressure, once at the start of the third quarter when Bob Seymour passed to Pete Smith for 34 yards and Huddleston plunged 12 to the Texas 18-yard line, and again when Huddleston punted out of bounds on the Texas one-yard line. But each time the battling Longhorns turned the threat.

The tackling of Al Corrotto and Game Captain Pete Smith were Oklahoma features, along with Huddleston's feat of making more than 100 yards from scrimmage.

Sooners 0, Nebraska 0

Sooner football fans who tuned in their radios on the Nebraska game at Lincoln October 16 with much hope but little confidence were thrilled with excitement when an alert Oklahoma team outfought the nationally famous Huskers and gained a scoreless tie.

Playing in a steady rain that made the field muddy and soft, which was a theoretical advantage to the heavier Nebraska team, the Sooners had the best of a punting duel and kept the ball in Nebraska territory most of the game.

High point of the contest came in the last three minutes when the Sooners took the ball to the Nebraska 17-yard line and Raphael Boudreau was sent in to attempt a field goal. The kick was straight, but the water-soaked ball dropped heavily just short of the crossbar.