



Sooner Gridmen Plunge Into Hard Schedule

By Harold Keith

THE modern Sooner sports fan will tell you that the University of Oklahoma has had two great football teams—1920 and next year.

Most alumni know about Bennie Owen's great 1920 team that won the Missouri Valley championship with only one tie to mar its record, a powerful team that had just about everything including a slashing running offensive with "Dutch" Hill and Phil White carrying the ball, a great backfield blocker in Roy "Sol" Swateck, a great punter in the 200-pound White, great forward passers in White and Arlo "Skivy" Davis, a sweet place-kicker in Davis, a great "hurry up" quarterback in Frank Ogilvie, three fine tackles in Roy "Soupy" Smoot, Pott Johnson and "Hoss" Ross, four fine ends in Captain Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Tarz Marsh, Lawrence "Jap" Haskell and Myron "Little Tub" Tyler, three good guards in Erl Deacon, "Big Bill" McKinley, and Van Edmondson and a mighty tough center in durable Dow Hamm.

Nearly every alumnus and fan also has been watching ever since for that other great Sooner football team, the one "we're going to have next year." But so far it hasn't come. What always looks like a scorching team in the hot summer time always becomes a very ordinary aggregation by autumn, after it has bucked up against injuries, eligibility, hard luck, and most important of all, several other strong football teams.

However it's different this year in that nobody expects big, likable Tom Stidham to take the remnants of Biff Jones'

1936 Sooner team that could win only three games and finish .500 percent, and go out and play teams like Nebraska, Texas, Missouri, Rice and Tulsa—all of which must be a huge relief to Stidham. However, Stidham is a believer in open football and the Sooners of 1937 should be plenty interesting to watch.

Here's the report on the 1937 Oklahoma team:

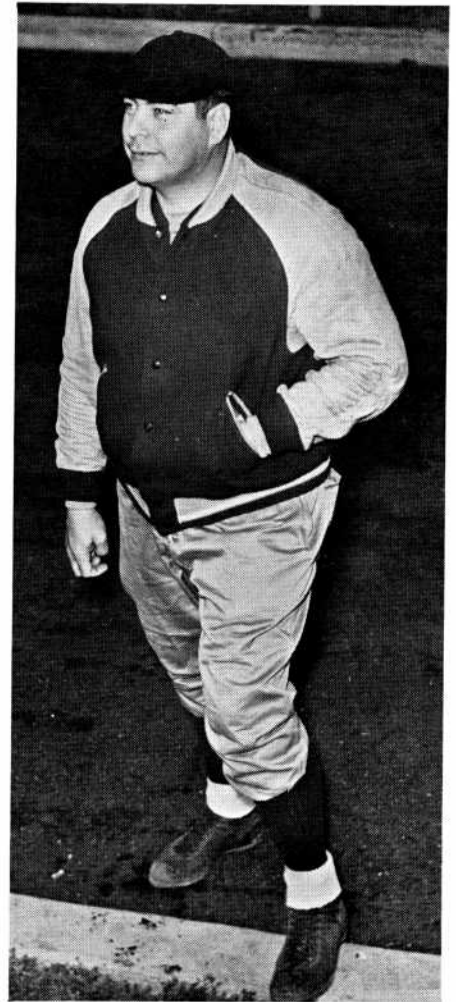
The Sooners this fall will have a much greener first team because they've lost six key players off last year's first team, including both tackles, a guard, the center, a fullback and the right wingback. These six men were pretty fair.

Let's look at them. Ralph Brown, one tackle, made NEA's all-Big Six team. Ferd Ellsworth, his mate, was big and tough. Capt. Connie Ahrens, the guard, was selected on United Press's all-Big Six eleven. Elmo "Bo" Hewes was the team's hardest runner and only punter, Bill Breedon a hard-hitting fullback and William "Red" Konkright one of the finest centers in the history of the school, a 200-pound fellow who made every all-Big Six team selected, NEA's third All-American and played a smashing 45 minutes for the West in the big Shrine game last December. Their going leaves the Sooners pretty well strapped for first team players.

However the Sooners this fall should have far better reserves (a costly weakness last year) with 16 lettermen returning and a strong squad of sophomores coming up. That should help.

The line will be bigger than last year, but less experienced. End will be the

Coach Tom Stidham, below, has a far-away-look in his eyes as though trying to figure out a new play good enough to baffle Rice, Texas and Nebraska. On the left is a high spot of the Nebraska game last year when Webber Merrell almost shook loose for a 100-yard run to a touchdown from kickoff



strongest position. The Sooners have eight, including Pete Smith and Waddy Young, the regulars from last year, and all eight are six feet tall, or better. Although the tackles are green, they have the heft for the first time in years, eight of them scaling 200 pounds or better. The guards are light but experienced. Three centers tower six feet or taller and all are over 200 pounds with Mickey Parks, a veteran, back in school and likely to start provided he can get in physical shape.

The Sooner backs this fall are mostly small. Only two of sixteen are six feet tall and none of the sixteen weighs 180 pounds. However nine of these little fellows have had some game experience and that should help some. These nine are Jack Baer, Webber Merrell, Woody Hud-

deleston, Al Corrotto, Otis Rogers, Gene Corrotto, Raphael Boudreau, Earl Crowder and Hugh McCullough.

With Hewes gone, the kicking game must be entirely rebuilt. So must the forward passing game and the defense against passes, the department in which the Sooners were weakest last year. The running game is probably further advanced than either the kicking or passing. Summing up the Stidham-coached Sooner attack, it should be more versatile this year after the deception and passing have had time to develop through the early games.

The squad morale is high and should stay that way since the coaching staff, man for man, is the most popular Oklahoma has had in years. The players like the coaches, believe in them and will "put out" for them, and that's important.

There will be one new face on the coaching staff, Dewey "Snorter" Luster, whose smart little Norman high teams have slain giants year after year with shrewd quarterbacking, clever forward passing and hard deceptive running. Coach Stidham blended all these qualities into his spring practice.

All games broadcast

Tom Stidham, University athletic director, is very enthusiastic about the sale this fall of radio broadcasts of Sooner football games to the Kellogg Cereal Company through radio station WKY of Oklahoma City.

"I like it for several reasons," Coach Stidham declared, "In the first place we didn't give it away, but sold it for \$2,500 cash, which is four times as much as we have ever received for a previous season's broadcast.

"Also, radio station WKY is broadcasting parts of our daily practice periods so the fans can become personally acquainted with our players. The station is also plugging our season ticket sale gratis, which is a fine break for us.

"Also, the contract provides that not only our four home games, but also our five road games with Tulsa, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas State and Missouri will be broadcast by WKY which is a swell break for our alumni, 'shut-ins' and loyal followers who can't follow the team.

"You hear a lot about radio broadcasts hurting attendance, but I'm not convinced it does. I think it will build attendance, and even if it should fail, I think the \$2,500 we are getting is ample insurance."

The Board of Regents September 13 discussed the contract but took no action to interfere with it. Representatives of rival stations who had protested it did not attend the meeting.

However, the board did provide a basis for letting future contracts with its statement: "At the December meeting of the board the athletic council and director are requested to submit a recommendation as to the general policy relative to future broadcasting contracts."

Football Details for the Fans

SCHEDULE OF GAMES

Sept. 25 Tulsa at Tulsa.
 Oct. 2 Rice at Norman.
 Oct. 9 Texas at Dallas.
 *Oct. 16 Nebraska at Lincoln.
 *Oct. 23 Kansas at Norman. (Dad's Day).
 *Oct. 30 Kansas State at Manhattan.
 *Nov. 6 Iowa State at Norman.
 *Nov. 13 Missouri at Columbia.
 Nov. 20 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.
 (Homecoming Day)

*"Big Six" conference games.

TICKET PRICES

Season tickets—\$6.72.
 Reserved seats—\$2.25 and \$1.70.
 All high school students—56 cents.
 High school football teams—26 cents per man.
 Children grade school and junior age—26 cents.

SPECIAL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Lv. Britton 12:01 p. m.
 Lv. 36th street 12:10 p. m.
 Lv. Santa Fe depot in Oklahoma City 12:30 p. m.
 Arrive Brooks street, Norman, 1:05 p. m.
 Starts back to Oklahoma City 25 minutes after game is over, delivering passengers at depot, 36th street and Britton.

HOW SOONER COACHES FINISHED IN PAST

Coach	Yrs.	W	L	T	Pct.
Verne Parrington	4	9	2	1	.818
Bennie Owen	22	128	52	13	.711
Mark McMahon	2	10	5	3	.667
"Biff" Jones	2	9	6	3	.600
Fred Roberts	1	3	2	0	.600
Fred Ewing	1	4	3	0	.571
Ad Lindsey	5	19	19	6	.500
Lewie Hardage	3	11	12	4	.478
John A. Harts	1	0	1	0	.000

Roster of 1937 Sooner Players

POSITION	PLAYER	EXPERI- ENCE	HT.	WT.	HOME TOWN
Left end	Pete Smith*	two years	6' 2"	190 lbs.	Muskogee, Okla.
Left end	Alton Coppage	none	6' "	180 lbs.	Hollis, Okla.
Left end	John Shirk	none	6' 4"	193 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Left end	George Darrow	none	6' 1"	165 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Right end	Roland Young*	one year	6' 2"	191 lbs.	Ponca City, Okla.
Right end	Frank Ivy	none	6' 2"	190 lbs.	Skiatook, Okla.
Right end	Louis Hotchkiss	none	6' 1"	190 lbs.	Enid, Okla.
Right end	Herb Mathers	one year	6' "	190 lbs.	Enid, Okla.
Left tackle	Gilford Duggan	none	6' 2"	215 lbs.	Benton, Ark.
Left tackle	J. R. 'Manly	none	6' 1"	205 lbs.	Hollis, Okla.
Left tackle	Albert Ryan	none	6' "	210 lbs.	Dewey, Okla.
Right tackle	George Grace*	one year	6' 2"	210 lbs.	Hartshorne, Okla.
Right tackle	Tom Short*	two years	6' 1"	200 lbs.	Okmulgee, Okla.
Right tackle	Howard Teeter	none	6' 2"	209 lbs.	Grandfield, Okla.
Right tackle	Harold Edgeman	none	6' 3"	212 lbs.	Wilson, Okla.
Right tackle	Charles Martin	none	6' "	211 lbs.	Ponca City, Okla.
Left guard	Jiggs Walker*	two years	5' 6"	175 lbs.	Camden, Ark.
Left guard	Jim Thomas*	one year	6' "	190 lbs.	Oilton, Okla.
Left guard	James Miles	none	6' "	175 lbs.	Sapulpa, Okla.
Right guard	Fred Ball*	two years	5' 10"	180 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Right guard	Ralph Stevenson	none	5' 11"	181 lbs.	Ponca City, Okla.
Right guard	Kenneth Sharp	none	5' 10"	175 lbs.	Henryetta, Okla.
Center	Mickey Parks*	two years	6' "	214 lbs.	Shawnee, Okla.
Center	Joe Kraft	none	6' 5"	205 lbs.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Center	George Wilhelm	none	6' 2"	200 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Center	Bill LaRue	none	5' 9"	175 lbs.	Tulsa, Okla.
Frontback	Al Corrotto*	two years	5' 9"	165 lbs.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Frontback	Andy Stoner	none	5' "	165 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Frontback	Dick Favor	none	5' 11"	180 lbs.	Crescent, Okla.
Left wingback	Woody Huddleston*	two years	5' 10"	160 lbs.	Ada, Okla.
Left wingback	Webber Merrell*	two years	5' 10"	163 lbs.	Guthrie, Okla.
Left wingback	Howard McCarty	none	5' 11"	172 lbs.	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Left wingback	Beryl Clark	none	5' 10"	160 lbs.	Cherokee, Okla.
Left wingback	Eddie Toribio	none	5' 9"	162 lbs.	New Orleans, La.
Right wingback	Otis Rogers*	one year	6' "	167 lbs.	Oilton, Okla.
Right wingback	Gene Corrotto*	one year	5' 11"	167 lbs.	Fort Smith, Ark.
Right wingback	Nathan Stufflebean	none	5' 11"	174 lbs.	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Spinner back	Jack Baer*	two years	5' 10"	170 lbs.	Shawnee, Okla.
Spinner back	Earl Crowder*	one year	5' 11"	180 lbs.	Cherokee, Okla.
Spinner back	Raphael Boudreau*	one year	5' 9"	170 lbs.	Purcell, Okla.
Spinner back	Hugh McCullough	one year	5' 11"	177 lbs.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Spinner back	Bob Seymour	none	6' 1"	188 lbs.	Commerce, Okla.

*letter man. However only Smith, Young, Ball, Al Corrotto, Baer and Merrell got much experience last year since the Oklahoma first team played 76 per cent of the season's games.