

# Sports Review

By Harold Keith, '29

COMMENT of Texas and other Southwest sports editors following the Oklahoma football team's feat of winning its first four football games of the season is reproduced below:

## Oklahoma 7, Rice 6

BY BRUCE LAYER

*Houston Post Sports Editor*

"Stop Ernie Lain!" was Oklahoma's battle cry and those Red and White warriors from the Sooner state did that very thing this broiling October afternoon to supply the nation with its greatest 1938 grid upset. The final score was Oklahoma 7, Rice 6.

Smashing end play, featuring Captain Waddy Young and Johnny Shirk, was too much for the publicized Owl passing game and Rice completed but seven over-heads during the afternoon. When Lain did get enough time to get off his passes an alert secondary took care of things. Hugh McCullough, hard working fullback, was the leader in the fine defensive work against the aeriels.

A little Frenchman, Raphael Boudreau, who has never missed a try for point in college competition and this is his senior year, supplied the winning margin with a perfect goal from placement. And that point proved just enough for a gallant O. U. line that refused to believe press and magazine clippings about the Owls.

O. U. forwards, headed by Cactus Face Duggan, a mighty tackle, took charge, Jerry Bolton and LaRue, guards; Edgeman and Justin Bowers, tackles, were others showing to advantage defensively. They halted Owl running plays during the closing half and those two fine ends took charge of rushing the passer.

McCullough was a tough man for Rice and his line smashing, coupled with his defensive play, gave him the standout spot among O. U. backs. However, every man that Coach Tom Stidham fired at the Owls battled his heart out.

BY C. E. MCBRIDE

*Sports Editor Kansas City Star*

Missouri unveiling an offense, Kansas State in a disappointing showing, Kansas an amazing disappointment, Nebraska holding Minnesota better than was expected and the Oklahoma Sooners making a bum, if we may put it that way without intent to offend, out of a player last week heroized in a national magazine—there you have a summary of the week-end football developments in the Big Six.

Ernie Lain, 220-pound forward passer and juggernaut back of Rice, was the boy

calculated to run and pass the Sooners into submission. Last year when Oklahoma beat Rice, 6 to 0, in Norman, Lain was not in the game. So it was to be quite different this season with Lain ready to cast his magic spell over the Sooners.

"A team has to be two touchdowns better to go into Houston and beat Rice on a hot day," said Ad Lindsey, the Kansas coach who drilled Oklahoma teams for several years.

So you can run up the Oklahoma flag and spread the word that the team to lower it will have its own pennant atop the pole when the schedule ends. Last year Oklahoma and Nebraska played 0 to 0 in Lincoln. Better make arrangements to be in Norman October 22 when the Sooners play hosts to the Cornhuskers. There'll be a ball game that day.

BY JIM HOPKINS

*Oklahoma News Sports Editor*

The University of Oklahoma launched its 1938 season in glorious style Saturday as the Sooners defeated the touted Rice Owls, 7 to 6.

The game will be classed as an upset. Coach Jimmy Kitts rated his Rice team as the best in his career and the Southwest Conference champions had visions of a national title and the Rose Bowl.

But Tom Stidham's well-coached Sooners spiked the Owl's big guns, 228-pound Ernie Lain and speedy Ollie Cordill and deserved victory.

In passing around the honors, Rogers, McCarty and Boudreau may move over and make room for McCullough, who did most of the signal-calling, ball carrying, passing and kicking, and did a good job of all chores.

McCullough also played a great defensive game, and in the final minutes of the game intercepted two of Lain's desperate passes to stop the Owl's chance of winning the contest with a last-minute score.

BY BUS HAM

*Sports Editor Daily Oklahoman*

Why the Sooners didn't have a chance, they said. What team out of Oklahoma in recent years had been worth two thin dimes? And wasn't Rice rated among the first five teams in the nation?

But Headman Tom Stidham insisted all along that his boys had come to play, and how they played was a delight to the scattered Oklahomans in the sun-bathed stands, with the temperature in the 90's.

The Sooners went out to nail the invincible Lain in his tracks, and they not only

did that to the complete consternation of all Houston, if not the entire state of Texas, but came from behind to win.

Ah, that was the real miracle. An O. U. team that could pick itself up and retaliate with a winning punch.

It was more than Rice could do, because Lain and the Owls had more than a half to wipe O. U.'s one point lead, tacked up in the second quarter, but the big Sooner line wasn't standing for anything like that.

Roland "Waddy" Young, O. U.'s great senior end and captain for the day, early showed his comrades that Lain and Co. could be had. And they took turns at taking him the rest of the afternoon.

## Oklahoma 13, Texas 0

BY FLEM HALL

*Sports Editor Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

Watch out for Oklahoma in some bowl game.

The Sooners have it.

They gave the impression of not half trying in Dallas Saturday after getting ahead of Texas 13 to 0. They appeared to be content to sit tight on what they had and play defensive football.

In modern football few teams are strong enough to rock back on their heels against a major opponent and be content to hold a lead, but Oklahoma did just that.

Texas could have kept the ball until next Saturday and still wouldn't have earned a touchdown, and Texas is not altogether helpless offensively, either. Small backs make the Steer attack powder-puffish on the power side, but it's fast and handy with laterals.

That's not all.

The current Oklahoma team, better than in '37, is not the peak team that Coach Tom Stidham has in the making.

Freshmen and sophomores promise better backs in '39 and '40, and line material remains constant.

The Sooners play Kansas, Nebraska, Tulsa, Kansas State, Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma A. & M. and Washington State in that order.

Playing as they did against Rice and Texas they should win them all.

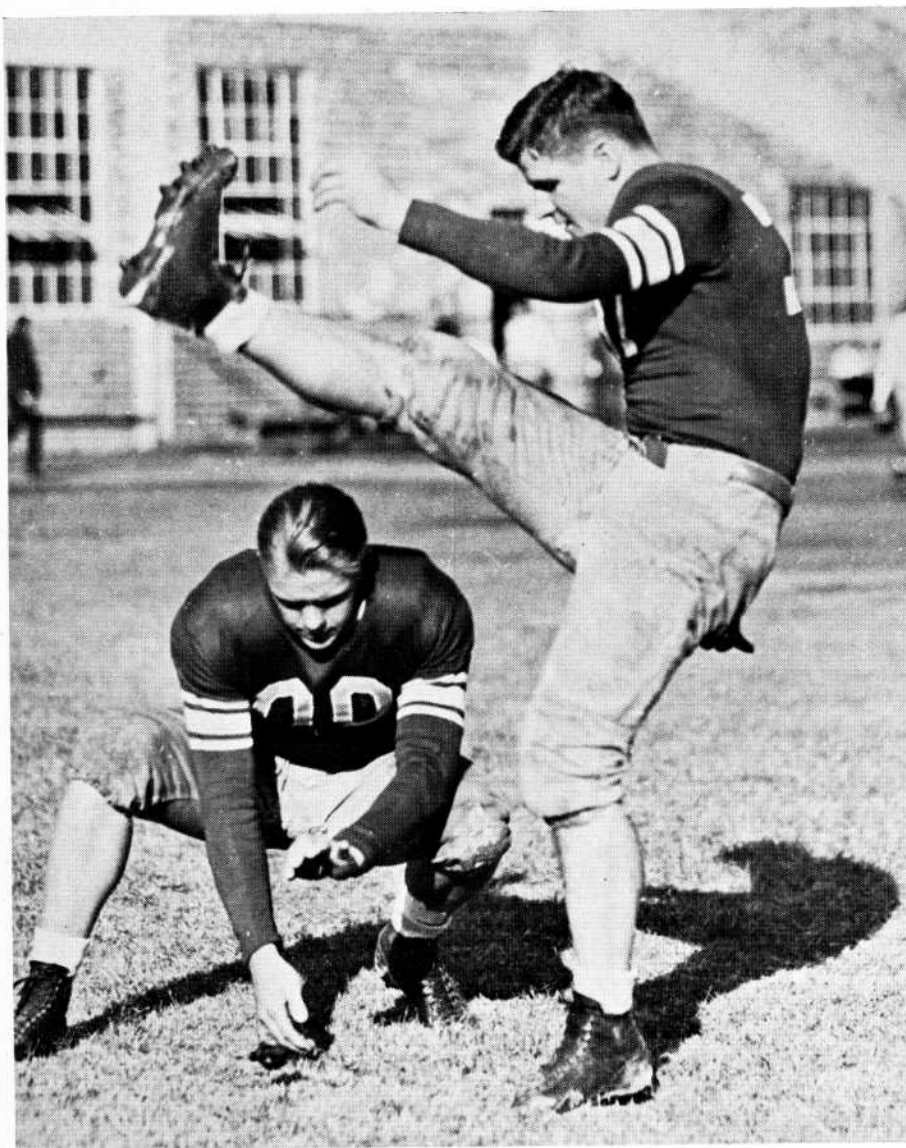
T. C. U. and Oklahoma are working towards getting together for an annual game.

They may arrange to start the series by '40 or '41.

BY WELDON HART

*Sports Editor Austin American*

It is true what they say about Oklahoma



Raphael Boudreau, senior from Purcell, is shown above performing his highly specialized task—place-kicking for the Sooner football team. Until the Kansas game this year, when a kick was blocked, he was batting 1.000 in his kicking for points after touchdown during his entire college career. His expertness has played an important part in many Sooner victories.

—a great defensive team, if there ever was one brought down across the Red river to joust at football with the Texas Longhorns. And Tom Stidham's big, red-trousered team mustered enough offensive power, too, to push over two touchdowns in the first half and smother the Longhorns for the first time since '33 by a score of 13-0.

The same crashing, smashing line and the same alert, nifty-footed back who scuttled Rice's passes and runs a week ago played havoc with D. X. Bible's new backfield combination and all other combinations Texas coaches thought up during the game.

The Texas team looked more hapless and hopeless than at any previous stage of the season and probably hit an all-time low for performance against Oklahoma in the annual so-called "classic" at Dallas.

No Texas back could make a dangerous gesture, for Oklahoma's forwards were into

the backfield almost as quickly as the ball.

Texas' little halfbacks, Gilly Davis and Nelson Puett, had about as much chance to score touchdowns as your humble correspondent, sitting in the comparatively safe, although crowded confines of the Cottonbowl press box. They couldn't run forward because the Oklahoma ends and tackles ran them backward. Waddy Young and John Shirk chased them like greyhounds chasing cotton-tail rabbits, except that the Sooners caught up much quicker than greyhounds and hit harder after they got there.

Likewise on passes the Longhorns went through a lot of motions with little result. They completed 13 passes for 95 yards, but most of them were short ones of five, three, two yards or even a loss. There was no such thing as a pass to Texas receivers in the clear—always a Sooner back was hovering near, ready to smack down the ball or the receiver.

BY GEORGE WHITE

Sports Editor Dallas Morning News

Far superior line play featuring a team of the finest wingmen ever seen on the Cotton Bowl gridiron was the secret of the Oklahomans' success. In John Shirk, a giant sophomore who doesn't know the meaning of his name, and Roland Young, senior veteran, the Sooners unveiled a pair of wings who smothered everything the Longhorns could throw at them. Back of this pair were a pair of juniors, Frank Ivy and Alton Coppage, who could carry on in relief and leave little to be desired.

It wasn't entirely a line of ends, however. They were well matched by their mates along the forward wall, Gilford Duggan and Justin Bowers at the tackles; Jim Thomas, Ralph Stevenson and Jerry Bolton at the guard slots and Clifton Speegle at the pivot post.

They excelled on the defensive side, halted the Longhorn ground plays before they could gain momentum and functioned so near perfectly against air raids that many of the Texas pass completions actually showed net losses in yards.

BY BUS HAM

Sports Editor Daily Oklahoman

Game by game, the Sooners uncover new finds in the line and backfield and sophomore Bob West, full-blooded Indian half back, was one of the discoveries against Texas. Accurately and unruffled, he completed the first three passes of his college career, and they came in mighty handy in setting up O. U.'s second touchdown.

You could run right down the list of O. U. firsts and seconds, from game Capt. Earl Crowder and those super ends, Waddy Young and John Shirk, who again were sensational, and not leave out a man in naming those who contributed something distinctly out of the ordinary.

But one who is entitled to a special little paragraph all by himself is Ralph Stevenson, the blond buster of a guard from Ponca City.

Two of the O. U. guards were injured, and Stevenson not only did extra time but spent as much time in the Texas backfield as any other Sooner.

BY FELIX MCKNIGHT

Associated Press Sports Editor

One of the best Oklahoma teams toyed with one of the meekest Texas university teams, 13-0, in the thirty-ninth meeting of the neighboring state schools before 20,000 in broiling heat today.

Against the stout Oklahoma line the Texas attack looked pitifully weak, the net gain on ground plays amounting to only 11 yards. The big pair of Oklahoma ends, John Shirk and Waddy Young, that wrecked Rice institute's sky raids last week came right back today to smother the Texas aerial tries, holding them to 88 yards. At

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## Campus Review

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year in Ardmore, Altus, Chickasha, Elk City, Seminole, Shawnee, Thomas, Mangum, Wilson, Watonga and Waurika. Under the direction of Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, Dr. John T. Hefley and Lowell Brown, 178 individuals completed 452 course enrollments for a total of 904 hours of graduate credit.

The widely varied educational and cultural advantages of the University were carried to many communities of the State through the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau. High school seniors from representative schools of the State were brought to Norman for supervised tours of the campus.

Correspondence study courses have been made available to inmates of State penal institutions, and have been enthusiastically received. This class of students is included in a total of 3,923 individuals who took 4,937 correspondence courses during the year.

The Extension Division also serves the general public of Oklahoma through radio station WNAD, through visual education service, and in various other fields.



### Scholarship cup awarded

Chi Omega sorority placed first among campus sororities in scholarship during the second semester of the last school year, with an average of 1.8428. Alpha Phi was second with 1.8333. Others ranked as follows: Phi Mu, 1.8232; Delta Gamma, 1.8010; Pi Beta Phi, 1.7873; Delta Delta Delta, 1.7666; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1.7176; Alpha Chi Omega, 1.6929; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1.6419; Sigma Delta Tau, 1.5821; Gamma Phi Beta, 1.5241; Alpha Xi Delta, 1.3402.



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that, the Longhorns, while attempting passes, lost 37 yards.

The Big Six title contender scurried about almost at will when the chips were down, hanging up 123 yards on rushing plays and 71 via the air.



### Oklahoma 19, Kansas 0

BY ERNEST MEHL

*Kansas City Times Sport Staff*

It appeared to a crowd of 10,727 and to the members of the Kansas football team that the Oklahoma entries in the American Royal has been entered here today by error since it was quality known as "beef" which had something to do with the 19 to 0 victory scored by Tom Stidham's Sooner eleven.

That alone wasn't the reason for the walloping administered Kansas because Oklahoma exhibited about everything a championship football team requires—size, speed, fast charging and deadly blocking.

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Kansas had nothing to match this, although its supporters didn't spend an altogether dull afternoon. The second quarter was utilized by the Jayhawkers and part of the fourth was theirs but when the chips were pulled in they fell in Oklahoma's lap.

Kansas had Ralph Miller, who can do everything except make a football but he wasn't enough. Oklahoma had a line with annihilative power, a backfield featuring Hugh McCullough, which functioned precisely on attack and closed in quickly on defense.

So the Jayhawkers bowed to no unworthy foe. Louie Menze, the Iowa State scout, remarked after the game the Oklahoma eleven was the best he had seen among Kansas State, Missouri and Kansas. When the championship of the Big Six conference is awarded, the Sooners may be on hand to receive it.

### Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 0

BY FREDERICK WARE

*Sports Editor, The Omaha World-Herald*

For the third time in 18 meetings, the Sooners this afternoon outscored the Cornhuskers.

The victors, in fact, did all the point-making. They made 14.

In 1924, a Sooner team succeeded by 14 to 7; in 1930, a successor-eleven inspired by two slight youths named Bus Mills and Guy Warren raced to 20 points while the Nebraskans were making 7.

In suffering those setbacks, though, the Cornhuskers were merely defeated.

For most of three periods in this day's engagement, the Cornhuskers were shoved around. They were mauled. They were outsped, both mentally and muscularly. They were, in short, about as near helpless as a team can be and still remain in the contest.

All this ignominy and embarrassment the Cornhuskers suffered at the hands of what Oklahomans are confident is the greatest of all teams ever to represent Soonerland.

It is more than a team. It is squad of at least two and a half teams, efficiently poised and balanced veterans and helped along no end by capable and confident sophomores.

There were flashes of individual brilliance as the Huskers took the beating that removed them from contendership on the earliest date since the organization of the Big Six. But these were dimmed by the all-for-one and one-for-all tactics of the lads on the other side.

The single answer to "How?" and "Why?" can be further narrowed. The play of a vicious-striking, slippery, swift succession of backs behind a beautifully co-ordinated line that was constantly superior at the tackles and ends comprised a poser that was definitely beyond the Huskers' talents.

## Association Progress

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the Sooner-Rice game at Houston October 1.

Dow Hamm, '22, chairman of the Houston Advisory Council of the Association, was in charge of arrangements and presided at the luncheon. He was assisted by Wallace Thompson, '20; Mrs. Donald Crosby (Hazel Herd, '27ex), John Echols, '29 eng, and Downs Poindexter.

With Curtis M. Smith, '29, at the piano, the group sang Sooner songs and heard a brief talk by Jap Haskell, '22, assistant Sooner coach who talked about the O. U. team and its prospects for the year.

Only business transacted was adoption of a resolution urging that the Sooner-Rice football contract, which expired with the 1938 game, be renewed as soon as possible. Mr. Hamm explained that the Sooners and Rice could not possibly meet in 1939 because of inability to adjust their schedules for a suitable date.

The Alumni Office was represented at the Houston meeting by Roscoe Cate, '26, editor-manager of the *Sooner Magazine*, and a telegram from Executive Secretary Ted Beard, '21, expressing regret that he could not be present, was read.

### Kansas City meeting

Forty Sooners were present for a meeting of Kansas City alumni held October 4 at Mission Hills Country Club. Those present represented graduating classes from 1908 to 1936.

Principal speaker on the program was Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19, assistant to the president of the University, who discussed the general program of the University, the growth in enrolment, and told the group some news about well known faculty members.

Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, former president of the University, was present and spoke briefly.

A block of tickets for the Sooner-Kansas game at Lawrence October 15 was brought to the meeting and alumni planning to attend bought their seats together. Arrangements for the meeting were in charge of Albert Drake, '29, Kansas City insurance man who is chairman of the Kansas City Advisory Council of the Association.

Those who were present included:

Claude A. Ferguson, '24law; C. G. Roush, '23eng; R. L. Tryon, '28; Parke Ruark, '24law; Herman A. Bizzell, '36; Elinor Peery, '37; Lina Bryan Beene, '14fa; Arthur R. Wolfe, '08, '14ma; Louis M. Brodnax, '26; C. E. Etting, '26ex; Mazee Bush Owens, '28; George E. Owens, '23ex; Henryetta Reese Nelson, '27nurse; James M. Nelson, '32, '34med; Albert Drake, '28; Clark W. Pearson, '30bus; Gladys Moore Pearson, '29fa; Josephine Slack, '38; Mawrice C. Boyer, '36; John L. Craig, '32; Mary Binger Craig, '35fa; Dorothy Brooks Callaway, '22ma; Helen Armstrong, '30; Charles S. Hanson, '36; E. H. Skinner, '23; Wilma

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