



Sports Review

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HERE is the way the Sooner football picture for 1938 shapes up, with the best available answers given to the questions that O.U. fans are asking about at this time of year:

PROSPECTS—Losing heavily in finesse and experience, but gaining in numbers and weight, Oklahoma's football prospects are encouraging although there's a world of work ahead of the coaches. One thing is certain—the Sooners will be tough defensively, thanks to Coach Tom Stidham's custom of attracting strong tackles and ends. But with the kicking and passing games having to be almost entirely rebuilt, the offense is more uncertain. The Sooner coaches are banking heavily on Hugh McCullough as a signal-caller, fullback and player leader. This player ran so savagely and passed so crisply through Oklahoma's

final games last year, that he was named all-Big Six fullback by the *Christian Science Monitor*.

TEAM OFFENSIVE SKILLS—The kicking game must be entirely rebuilt, with Jack Baer, Webber Merrell and Woodrow Huddleston, who did 95 percent of the booting last year, all gone. The forward passing game faces almost as thorough a reconstruction with Baer, the ace tosser of last season, and Huddleston gone, and also Huddleston and Pete Smith, the main receivers. The running game looks more encouraging with the backs a trifle larger.

INDIVIDUAL SKILLS—There's real worry here. Oklahoma has lost nearly all its specialists. One of the most serious losses is Capt. Al Corrotto, line-backer and blocker who directed the defense and was the driving spark or player boss who kept

Earl Crowder, senior from Cherokee, is such a versatile blocking back that he made two touchdowns for the Sooner team last year

the 1937 morale blazing. In Jack Baer, all-Big Six quarterback, the team lost its signal-caller and top-notch forward passer and punter. Woodrow Huddleston was the team's finest running back and safety, Pete Smith a slashing All-American end and Mickey Parks an all-Big Six center who weighed 220 pounds and was good enough to play for the West in the annual Shrine game. All these men were experienced key performers and all of them are gone.

COACH TOM STIDHAM SAYS—"I think a lot depends upon how we get away. If we start off on the right foot, we might be hard to stop. Naturally, the loss of ten lettermen, seven of them starters, means we'll have to start off with sophomore replacements. Also our first five games will be mighty tough on an Oklahoma team that will be in its formative stage. Rice is touted for the Rose Bowl, Texas is bound to be vastly improved in Dana Bible's second year, we hear that Kansas, which last year tied Nebraska and Oklahoma, will be the new darkhorse of the Big Six, and Nebraska and Tulsa, Big Six and Missouri Valley champions last year with excellent prospects again this season, can speak for themselves."

PROBLEMS—Finding quarterbacks and centers, rebuilding the kicking and passing games, developing men for the key positions that call for individual ability, such as passers, kickers, blockers, signal-callers, etc.

LETTERMEN LOST—Pete Smith, left end; Mickey Parks, center; Tom Short, tackle; Fred Ball, guard; Jack Baer, quarterback; Al Corrotto, blocking back; and Woodrow Huddleston, ball-carrier, all off the first team. Also Jiggs Walker, guard; George Grace, tackle; and Webber Merrell, ball-carrier, valuable replacements.

LETTERMEN RETURNING (and minutes each played out of the total of 540 last year)—Waddy Young, end, 406 minutes; Gene Corrotto, back, 328; Jim Thomas, guard, 315; Hugh McCullough, back, 277; Gilford Duggan, tackle, 258; Ralph Stevenson, guard, 213; Earl Crowder, back, 194; Otis Rogers, back, 189; J. R. Manley, tackle, 170; Frank Ivy, end, 136; Howard Teeter, tackle, 176; Bob Seymour, back, 114; Howard McCarty, back, 98; John Shirk, end, 69; Alton Coppage, end, 62; Jerry Bolton, guard, 51; George Wilhelm, center, 39 and Raphael Boudreau, kicking specialist, 22. Also Norvel Locke, a substitute of the 1936 squad. **NOTE**—Regardless of number of minutes played, all Oklahoma players who see ac-

tion in at least five games are awarded letters.

SQUAD MEN RETURNING—Bill LaRue, guard, 13 minutes; Beryl Clark, back, 6; Dick Favor, back, 4¼; Louis Hotchkiss, end, 0; and Nathan Stufflebean, back, 0.

NEW SOPHOMORES AVAILABLE—See complete player roster.

TICKET PRICES—Season tickets \$8.40 for five home games, all taxes included. Reserved seat prices \$2.25 for each game, all taxes included. Texas game prices, \$3.30 for boxes, \$2.20 for West or East side seats, \$1.65 for ends. Write Ticket Manager, Fieldhouse, Norman, Okla., for reservations. With most attractive home schedule of all time, advance sale of season tickets has been heaviest in history.

TOUGHEST HOME GAME—You pick it. Nebraska, threatening Oklahoma's record of having lost but one opening home game in last 43 years, always strong. Babe Hollingbery's big Washington State team, the intersectional foe for December 3, tied Howard Jones' Southern California Trojans last year and also Washington's Rose Bowl juggernaut of year before. Tulsa, whose laterals stung Sooners in last year's opener, have their power back, including Morris White and Tommy Thompson, their modern Ivan Grove. Either Missouri or Kansas State could defeat the Sooners. Not a weak game on the schedule, all good seats sold down to each 38-yard line, so what are you waiting on?

TOUGHEST ROAD GAME—Rice, last year's Cotton Bowl and Southwest conference champions, with nearly all their team back, including Ernie Lain and Ollie Cordill, and the finest freshmen material in the South.

CROWD PROSPECTS FOR HOME GAMES—Both Nebraska and Washington State should draw right at 25,000 if weather is good. Missouri, the Homecoming Day foe, should pull 16,000 to 18,000 and Tulsa and Kansas State attract approximately 15,000.

CROWD PROSPECTS FOR ROAD GAMES—Oklahoma probably will play before 25,000 in the opening road games at Houston and Dallas, 12,000 to 15,000 against Kansas and Oklahoma Aggies at Lawrence and Stillwater, and 8,000 to 12,000 against Iowa State at Ames. If the Sooners should get safely over the tough Rice hurdle and Dana Bible's Texas Longhorns defeat Louisiana State at Austin October 1, the Sooner-Texas throng at Dallas might go as high as 30,000.

RADIO BROADCAST OF HOME GAMES—The University Board of Regents awarded the contract to Radio Station WKY, of Oklahoma City. A new sports announcer, John Shafer, will broadcast the games. You'll like him. Tune in on his daily sports broadcast at 10:15 o'clock each night, 900 kilocycles, and get acquainted.

Sooner Player Roster for 1938

* one letter.
** two letters.

Name—Home—Class	Position	Minutes Played Last Year	Weight	Height
** Roland Young, Ponca City, senior	end	406	193	6' 2"
* Frank Ivy, Skiatook, junior	end	136	190	6' 2½"
* John Shirk, Oklahoma City, junior	end	69	195	6' 4"
* Alton Coppage, Hollis, junior	end	62	185	6'
Louis Hotchkiss, Enid, senior	end	0	190	6' 1½"
Eddie Calvert, Odessa, Texas, sophomore	end		170	5' 10½"
Gus Kitchens, Purcell, sophomore	end		175	6'
Joe Tribbey, Purcell, sophomore	end		173	6' 1½"
* Gilford Duggan, Benton, Arkansas, junior	tackle	258	208	6' 2"
* J. R. Manley, Hollis, junior	tackle	170	205	6'
* Howard Teeter, Grandfield, junior	tackle	126	220	6' 3"
Justin Bowers, Waukegan, Illinois, sophomore	tackle		212	6' 3"
Wright Phebus, Union City, Tenn. sophomore	tackle		208	6' ¼"
Harold Edgeman, Wilson, sophomore	tackle		210	6' 3"
Harold Lahar, Oklahoma City, sophomore	tackle		215	6'
** Jim Thomas, Oilton, senior	guard	315	196	6'
* Ralph Stevenson, Ponca City, junior	guard	213	188	5' 11"
* Jerry Bolton, Quanah, Texas, junior	guard	51	190	5' 11"
Bill LaRue, Tulsa, junior	guard	13	173	5' 9"
* Norval Locke,† Ardmore, junior	guard		185	5' 11"
Homer Potter, Houston, Texas, sophomore	guard		186	5' 10"
Charles Delhotel, Laverne, sophomore	guard		200	5' 9"
Dave Osmond, Gotebo, sophomore	guard		188	5' 11"
* George Wilhelm, Oklahoma City, junior	center	39	209	6' 2"
Clifton Speegle, Oklahoma City, sophomore	center		171	6'
Novel Wood, Norman, sophomore	center		177	6' 1"
Fred Hoover, Muskogee, sophomore	center		208	6' 1"
** Earl Crowder, Cherokee, senior	front back	194	182	6'
Dick Favor, Crescent, junior	front back	4	185	6'
Verne Merrifield, Sayre, sophomore	front back		174	5' 10½"
Ed Spottswood, Norman, sophomore	front back		173	5' 9½"
Jack Abney, Shreveport, Louisiana, sophomore	front back		171	5' 9½"
** Otis Rogers, Oilton, senior	halfback	187	166	6'
* Bob Seymour, Commerce, junior	halfback	114	185	6' 2"
* Howard McCarty, Pauls Valley, junior	halfback	98	167	5' 11"
Beryl Clark, Cherokee, junior	halfback	6	162	5' 9½"
Tom Myers, Tyler, Texas, sophomore	halfback		160	5' 9"
** Gene Corrotto, Fort Smith, Arkansas, senior	halfback	328	168	5' 11"
Nathan Stufflebean, Pauls Valley, junior	halfback	0	171	5' 10"
Bill Jennings, Norman, sophomore	halfback		165	6'
Don Desmond, Ponca City, sophomore	halfback		173	5' 10"
* Hugh McCullough, Oklahoma City, senior	fullback	277	180	5' 11½"
** Raphael Boudreau, Purcell, senior	fullback	22	175	5' 8½"
Robert West, Dundee, sophomore	fullback		180	6' 1"
Merle Williams, Stroud, sophomore	fullback		178	6'
John Martin, Broken Bow, sophomore	fullback		180	6' 1½"
† Norval Locke lettered at front back two years ago.				

SOONER SCHEDULE FOR 1938

Oct. 1	Rice at Houston Texas.
Oct. 8	Texas at Dallas, Texas.
Oct. 15	Kansas at Lawrence.
Oct. 22	Nebraska at Norman (Dad's Day)
Oct. 29	Tulsa at Norman.
Nov. 5	Kansas State at Norman (Band Day).
Nov. 12	Missouri at Norman (Homecoming).
Nov. 19	Iowa State at Ames.
Nov. 26	Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
Dec. 3	Washington State at Norman.

THE SOONER RECORD FOR 1937

Oklahoma	7, Tulsa 19 at Tulsa.
Oklahoma	6, Rice 0 at Norman.
Oklahoma	7, Texas 7 at Dallas.
Oklahoma	0, Nebraska 0 at Lincoln.
Oklahoma	3, Kansas 6 at Norman.
Oklahoma	19, Kansas State 0 at Manhattan.
Oklahoma	33, Iowa State 7 at Norman.
Oklahoma	7, Missouri 0 at Columbia.
Oklahoma	16, Oklahoma Aggies 0 at Norman.