

# Sports Review

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**W**HAT enemy athletes dealt University of Oklahoma sports teams the splitting headaches this past school year?

The football player who gave Coach Tom Stidham's Oklahoma Big Six champions the most grief was Sam Bartholomew, 175-pound Tennessee blocking back who prior to the Orange Bowl game had been voted a gold medal as the outstanding blocker in the Southeastern conference, a rating the Sooners were sure he richly deserved after they sampled his stuff at Miami.

Bartholomew's savage, competent handling of the big Sooner ends and tackles during the Orange-waisted Vols' 17 to 0 victory last January made it easy for such crack Vol backs as George Cafego, Babe Wood and Bob Foxx to waltz through the openings for the two touchdowns and 205 yards rushing Tennessee gained.

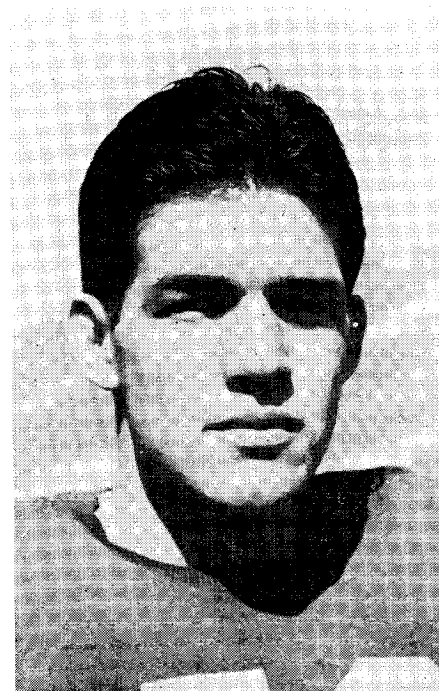
Johnny Adams, 6-foot 3-inch Arkansas forward, was probably the champion hot-shot basketball player Coach Bruce Drake's Sooners encountered. In Arkansas's 39-31 triumph over Oklahoma at Norman in the opener last December, the black-haired Adams hit nine field goals, most of them two-handed jump shots from the corner or rebound flips off the lip of the goal.

A herculean push of 54 feet 6 inches by Elmer Hackney of Kansas State in the Sooner-Wildcat track and field dual at Manhattan, Kansas, in May outstripped anything shown by an opponent of Oklahoma in that sport while John Munski's 9:17.5 two-mile in the Big Six fall distance-running derby at Columbia, Missouri, last November rang the gong in that sport.

Reinhold Feldcamp, Oklahoma Aggie southpaw pitcher converted into an outfielder, was the guy Jap Haskell's Sooner baseballers would like to have had on their team. The Sooners only got him out once all year in their home park.

In his first Norman appearance in April the Aggie lefty slashed a hit through the box, drilled another single into right, dropped a blooper safe in center and drew a base on balls. Feldcamp then returned to the Sooner field in May and lifted a triple to right-center, two singles to left and whipped another clean hit into center before Jimmy Pope finally made him hit on the bounce to the box and tossed him out. Until someone else does better, Feldcamp's record of seven straight hits in the Sooner park stands.

Two scholarly-looking Japanese showed the Sooners the best individual wrestling they looked at all year. In the intersection-



*Louis K. "Tree Top" Sharpe, 6-foot 5-inch 210-pound sophomore end from Checotah, Coach Tom Stidham's home town, was the best student among the Sooner freshman footballers this past school year, records from the registry office disclosed. Sharpe will play his first football in an Oklahoma uniform September 30 when Matty Bell, the Rose Bowl coach of 1935, brings the powerful Mustangs to Owen field.*

al tussle here in December between Oklahoma and Waseda university, Tetsuji Ohta, Nipponese 118-pounder, beat Bennie Young of the Sooners 12 points to 3. Thereafter the youthful Young braced and all the rest of his foes together couldn't score that many points on him.

The other Japanese standout was Capt. Eiichi Kazama, 155-pound Olympic champion, who walked into the ring wearing a quiet, gray robe and horn-rimmed spectacles. He looked sleepy and placid like a guy who has spent a long afternoon with a shelf of books in a seminar room.

But when he stripped for action and politely trotted over for the handshake, he was muscled like a leopard. He pinned Sooner Mason Smarr in 1:45 with a clever half-nelson and scissor.

## Death takes athlete

Dick Chaney, of Tonkawo, Oklahoma's Big Six 880-yard outdoor champion at 1935, drowned at Newport, Arkansas, at

8:30 o'clock Saturday night, July 15. Chaney was advertising manager of the *Newport Independent*. When the runner and five men companions plunged into White river near Newport, the swift current swept all away from the shore. The other five barely fought their way to safety. Chaney's body was not recovered until four hours later. Funeral services were held at Lamont, Oklahoma, July 19 and the athlete buried there. He is survived by his mother and two sisters.



### Over fifty alumni are coaching

Fifty-one former University of Oklahoma athletes are now engaged in active coaching, according to a survey made by Robert "Doc" Erskine, Sooner freshman football coach and scout.

Six members of the Sooner varsity coaching staff are former Sooner sports luminaries, Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Lawrence "Jap" Haskell, Pete Smith and Harry "Dutch" Hill of the football staff; Bruce Drake, basketball and golf coach, and John Jacobs, track and crosscountry coach.

Eight others are employed by other colleges and universities. Harry Hughes is athletic director and football mentor at Colorado State, Frank Potts track coach at Colorado, Ray Courtright golf coach at Michigan, Port Robertson assistant wrestling coach at Michigan, Claude Reeds is at Central, Floyd McBride and Al Mayhew at East Central and Wesley Beck at Northwestern of Alva.

Sooners now coaching high school athletic teams include Bob Duncan, Corning, New York; Paul Young and Loris Moody, Ardmore; Dale Arbuckle, Oklahoma City Central; Harold "Puny" James, Tulsa Central; Frank Crider, Wewoka; Bryan Griffin, Lawton; John Miskovsky, Oklahoma City Capitol Hill; Vivien Nemecek and Gene Corrotto, Bartlesville; Edgar Brady, Okmulgee; Ray LeCrone and Heston Heald, Shawnee; Floyd "Red" Rutherford, Muskogee West.

John Paul Remy, Thomas; Charles "Chalky" Stogner and Arlo "Skivy" Davis, Norman; J. H. Conger, Purcell; Roy LeCrone, Comanche; Dan Vogle, Bennie McElyea, Clyde McGinnis and Bob Cooke, Hobart; Fred Ball, Bixby; Delmar Steinbock, Erick; Elwood Claunch, Waynoka; Elmo "Bo" Hewes, Bois City; Smith Watkins, Fort Worth, Texas; Mutt Miller, Varnum; Jude Potts, Chickasha.

Vernon "Moon" Mullen, Bowlegs; Loyett Burke, Lexington; Marion Foreman, Newkirk; Bill Keas, Elk City; Curtis Turner, Bristow; Ray Frogge, Noble and Herman "Red" Nelson, Soper.



### Stidham heads coaching school

Tom Stidham, University of Oklahoma football coach, has accepted an invitation to head the Missouri State Coaches School at Columbia, August 31 and September 1 and 2.

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