

# Sooner Sports

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## OKLAHOMA, 1942

Sooners 0,	Oklahoma Aggies	0
Sooners 0,	Tulsa	23
Sooners 0,	Texas	7
Sooners 25,	Kansas	0
Sooners 0,	Nebraska	7
Sooners 14,	Iowa State	7
Sooners 76,	Kansas State	0
Sooners 6,	Missouri	6

OKLAHOMA's outstanding feat of the war season was her achievement of tying Missouri's mighty yard-gobbling machine at Norman Homecoming Day, November 14, before approximately 20,000 fans, 6 to 6.

The Tigers repeated again this season as Big Six conference champions. They lost far fewer players to the armed services than did Oklahoma or Nebraska. They had ripped through their Big Six conference schedule unhalting, drubbing Iowa State 45-6, Kansas State 46-2, Kansas 42-13 and Nebraska 26-6 at Lincoln. They set a new Big Six conference scoring mark of 165 points.

But Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster and his Sooner aids cleverly fashioned a closely-knit 5-4-2 defense that completely solved and checked Missouri's combusive running off the T formation, holding it to an average gain of only 2.7 yards per play, and moreover did it playing only 18 men to the Tigers' 30.

Oklahoma took a 6-0 lead by scoring a touchdown just six seconds before the first half ended. The Sooners had the Tigers backed up on their own 17-yard line. Fred Bouldin punted. Bill Campbell, Sooner blocking back, blocked it and Dub Lamb picked up the ball and ran to the Tiger 10-yard line.

Then Huel Hamm hit Lamb with a pass that carried to the Tiger two and Eddie Davis rammed over for the touchdown. Hamm missed the try for point.

Missouri tied the score in the final quarter when Bob Steuber passed to End Marshall Shurnas 46 yards to the Oklahoma 9, Ervin Pitts plunging over for the score three plays later. Then Steuber obligingly missed his try for point.

With each club rushing an identical number of times, Oklahoma slightly outran the Tigers, 140 1-2 to 135 net yards. With the exception of the long forward pass that set up her touchdown, Missouri never got beyond Oklahoma's 42-yard line.

Each club muffed scoring chances. Bob Steuber's 82-yard touchdown return of the opening kickoff was nullified when two Tigers stepped back across the restraining line before the ball was booted. Oklahoma drove to the Tiger 14 once in the first half only to have Eddie Davis fumble. The Sooners began the last half by driving to

a first down on the Missouri 13, only to have Hamm fumble on the first play of the new series.

## OKLAHOMA 0, NEBRASKA 7

The Sooner jinx of never having won a close football game from Nebraska held at Norman October 24 as the Cornhuskers nudged Oklahoma 7 to 0 in spite of the fact that the Sooners, fighting savagely, five times drove near the Cornhusker goal, only to be balked by fumbles or penalties. Oklahoma piled up a total of 317 yards to Nebraska's 170 in the game.

Only twice in the ball game was Nebraska across the 50-yard line in possession of the ball, and both times she gained the leather in offensive territory by blocking Sooner punts. It was the first Oklahoma defeat in an opening game at Norman in 18 years, the last one having occurred back in 1924 when a good Central College eleven from Edmond, coached by Charley Wantland, '09, slipped up on Bennie Owen's Sooners, 2 to 0.

The Sooners shook the Cornhusker defense with four offensives in the first 20 minutes of play. Eddie Davis ran the kick-off back 42 yards to the Nebraska 48, and with Hamm gliding inside tackle or around the end on the powerful Sooner off-tackle plays, and Davis boring down the middle, the Sooners:

(1) Advanced to Nebraska's 31-yard line where Davis fumbled, Zikmund of Nebraska recovering.

(2) Advanced to Nebraska's 12-yard line where they made a first down, only to lose both the gain and the first down on a penalty.



### FOOTBALL BUDDIES

An Oklahoma coach and player who are well enough acquainted to call each other by their first names are Dale Arbuckle (right), Sooner acting athletic director and backfield mentor, and Huel Hamm, big Sooner tailback. Arbuckle has coached Hamm six years, three at Oklahoma City's Central High School and three at the University.



### NAVY CALLS CRIDER

The Sooner athletic department lost another of its staff members to the war effort last month when Frank Crider, '30ba, freshman football coach and assistant professor of physical education for men, was called to active Navy service as a lieutenant junior grade and sent to Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

(3) Advanced to Nebraska's 32-yard line on an 18-yard run by Guard Clare Morford who intercepted a Missouri pass, but on the same play was penalized 15 yards for clipping back to the Oklahoma 48-yard line.

(4) Advanced to the Nebraska 19, only to lose the play on another penalty.

Nebraska scored just before the half ended when Vic Schleich, her massive left tackle whom the Sooners had been viciously moving out of their way with their powerful running, blocked Eddie Davis's punt, the Cornhuskers recovering on the Sooner 32 from whence Dale Bradley, on the final of six line bucks, dove across the Sooner goal and Schleich converted.

The most thrilling Oklahoma drive of all occurred in the last half. The tired Sooner first team, their red uniforms spotted with perspiration, spent everything on this magnificent offensive. Traveling in short punches, most of them ripping off tackle plays or sweeps by the big hip-switching Hamm, with red-haired Boone Baker, the Amarillo boy, throwing several chilling blocks, the Sooners fought their way 76 yards upfield, from their own 20 to the Nebraska six-yard line, within spitting distance of a touchdown. Here the weary

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Hamm tragically fumbled, Duda of Nebraska recovering.

### OKLAHOMA 14, IOWA STATE 7

This game was more remarkable for the strenuous travel conditions war-time transportation imposed upon the Sooners rather than for its football, although the Oklahoma coaches had high praise upon their return for Iowa State's speedy sweeps and for Paul Darling and Royal Lohry, Cyclone backs.

Unable to secure pullmans, Oklahoma rode a chair car from Norman, to Des Moines, Iowa, the Sooner players spending all of Thursday night trying to sleep in the aisles or across the seats. However after a sound rest Friday night the Oklahoma team was ready.

The Sooners sped into a 14-0 lead at the half. Hamm passed to Baker for one touchdown and Davis drove over guard for another. Hamm kicked both goals. The Sooners didn't show much offense, setting up both touchdown opportunities with bristling defensive play, Bill Campbell recovering a Cyclone fumble in midfield and Center Jack Marsee intercepting an Iowa State pass to give Oklahoma the ball before each scoring drive.

Iowa State's game squad carried the fight to Oklahoma in the third quarter, scoring a touchdown on Lohry's buck after an Oklahoma penalty moved the ball to the Oklahoma one-yard line, but the Sooners rallied in the fourth quarter, most of which was played in Ames territory.

Another oddity that set this game apart was the aggressive Oklahoma team's feat of piling Cyclone backs for the record total of 102 yards in losses. End Jim Tyree was the defensive lion of the Sooners although End Dub Lamb and Guard George Gibbons gave him yeoman help with the pass rushing.

"We were 50 percent improved against Oklahoma in every department of play except pass protection," Mike Michalske of Iowa State later declared. "At the half I thought we would surely win. But our passer never had a chance to throw the ball and we couldn't run without a passing threat."

### OKLAHOMA 76, KANSAS STATE 0

This overwhelming score was somewhat similar to Oklahoma's 80-0 drubbing of Henry Kendall College back in 1917, during the last World War; it would never have happened in a normal year. Many of Kansas State's players and Coaches Hobbs Adams, Bill Schutte and Jack Gardner are in the armed forces. The Sooners have also sent 22 of last year's lettermen to the nation's war effort but obviously had more playing strength left than did the Wildcats.

Coach Luster tried every means at his command to keep the score down but in vain. He withdrew the Oklahoma first team after 14 minutes of play in the first quar-

ter when the Sooners led 14-0, and never sent them back. Meanwhile the Oklahoma reserves, starved for a chance to play after sitting on the bench all season, turned the game into a shambles, scoring 41 points in the last quarter alone.

Kansas State contributed to her own downfall in this hectic period by always electing to receive the kickoff, then fumbling or forward-passing it squarely into Oklahoma's hands on the first succeeding play deep in Kansas State territory.

A log of the Sooners touchdowns:

(1) Davis scored on a buck after Oklahoma's first team marched back 65 yards with the opening kickoff. Hamm goaled. 7-0.

(2) Hamm scored on a line buck after Tyree blocked a Wildcat punt. Hamm goaled. 14-0.

(3) The Oklahoma second team put over a 40-yard drive, Don Fauble passing 10 yards into the flat to Son Wright for the score. Jack Steele goaled. 21-0.

(4) The Oklahoma second team scored after a 53-yard drive, Fauble diving over and Steele kicking goal. 28-0.

(5) The Sooner seconds counted again after a 43-yard drive, Cawthon diving over and Steele kicking goal. 35-0.

(6) The Oklahoma third team scored after a 65-yard drive, Myrle Greathouse bucking over from the one and Fauble goaling. 42-0.

(7) The Oklahoma third team scored on a long pass, Fauble to Wright, the play going 52 yards. Fauble goaled. 49-0.

(8) Fauble passed 19 yards to Shanks in the end zone, Fauble goaling. 56-0.

(9) Wright reversed 28 yards to a touchdown, Shanks goaling. 63-0.

(10) Neher intercepted a Kansas State pass and ran 54 yards to a touchdown. Shanks goaled but Oklahoma held, and from their 17-yard line, the Sooners elected to try to pass for the point, Kansas State intercepting. 69-0.

(11) Shanks spurted off guard for 16 yards and a touchdown and booted his own goal. 76-0.

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## With the Armed Forces

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Material School at Logan. He was formerly a school teacher at Hooker.

### Virginia

Wendell Lee Foster, '28-'29, Oklahoma City, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy and ordered to report for active duty at the Construction Brigade Training Center at Norfolk. Ensign T. Edward Harrison, '32, was at Norfolk awaiting assignment to sea duty. He enlisted in the Navy as yeoman in January and received his commission after completing training at Norfolk. Also on duty at the great Virginia Naval center were Leonard J. Uttal, '42, Albany, New York, pharmacist mate third class at the Naval Training Station laboratory, and Harold Fisher, Jr., '41, Ponca City, petty officer third class.

Lt. Cecil V. Storm, '35-'36, was an instructor at the Engineering Officers Training School at Fort Belvoir. Taking officer training there were L. H. Proctor, '41eng, Oklahoma City, and Sgt. Ralph E. Smith, '40-'42, Fort Worth, Texas. Also at Fort

Belvoir were Cpl. Dwain Haxel, '39-'40, Norman, and Pvt. J. B. Jordan, '42geol, Konawa.

Sachse Wallace, '36-'40, Tuttle, navigator with a bomber squadron, has been transferred to Langley Field and promoted to the rank of captain. Also on duty there was J. M. DeLozier, '41bus, Sapulpa, recently commissioned a second lieutenant.

James A. Skinner, '36-'40, with a Quartermaster Training regiment at Camp Lee, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Lt. Henry B. McNerney, '39eng, Oklahoma City, is with the Field Artillery at Camp Pickett.

Benjamin L. Sherrill, '42bus, Anadarko, received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Quantico in late September and started ten weeks' training as a platoon commander.

### Washington

Maj. Ray E. Bullard, '42med, is surgeon and chief medical officer with an Anti-aircraft unit of the Coast Artillery at Seattle. A veteran of the first World War, Major Bullard was a physician in Waco, Texas, before entering the service again early in 1941. He received his promotion to major in September.

Lt. Elwood E. Byers, '41, Tulsa, is with the Infantry at Fort Lewis. Also there were Lt. Charles W. Freeman, '41med, assigned to the Station Hospital, and Pfc. James C. Sawyer, '42ba, Sapulpa, personnel clerk for an Observation Group at Gray Field.

Ensign William L. Boyd, '42eng, Norman, was stationed at the Keyport Naval Torpedo Station.

Lt. Whit Martin, '42eng, has been transferred to Geiger Field where he is assistant Base Ordnance officer.

Lt. Lucius Tirey, Jr., '38-'41, Quinton, is with the Army Air Forces in Seattle.

### Wisconsin

Katherine E. DePuy, '27ba, Tulsa welfare worker who was the first inductee into the WAVES sworn in at the Oklahoma City recruiting office, entered radio operator training at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She expected to complete the course in February, 1943.

Robert L. Hoskinson, '32-'35, Norman, was assigned for flight training at the Air Force Glider School at Janesville.

### Wyoming

George H. Kochne, Jr., '38, Tulsa, on duty at the Army Air Base at Casper, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Lt. Gail R. Palmer, '41eng, is an instructor in motor maintenance at Fort Francis E. Warren.

### General

J. S. Munsey, '38-'42, Norman, traded his football suit for the uniform of an Army Air Force cadet in October when he left school to enter the service. Known as a smart signal caller who could mix up the plays, he missed competition in 1940 because of a broken shoulder received in the 1939 Nebraska game. High point of his O. U. football career came the afternoon he led the Sooners against Tom Stidham's boys from Marquette last year, winning 61-14.

John Anderhub, '41ba, of the U. S. Coast Guard, reported while home in Norman on furlough that the coast guard cutter on which he is assigned was formerly one of the Earl Carroll yachts.

William Ralph Scott, '40-'41, who is on duty aboard a Coast Guard cutter, has sold his first story, "Call Me Doc," to the *Saturday Evening Post*. Mr. Scott was a pupil of Walter S. Campbell and Foster Harris, professional writing teachers at the University.

Rollen H. Anthis, '35-'37, El Reno, pilot officer with the ferrying division of the Army Air Transport Command, has been promoted to the rank of major. Major Anthis was connected with the milling industry before going into service.

Lt. David N. Barbour, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, is a navigator with a troop carrier squadron.

Reginald C. (Jack) Bowers, '39-'40, Norman, with the Infantry, has been promoted to sergeant.

Capt. Thomas P. Brooks, '35eng, former production engineer for the Lion Oil Company in El Dorado, Arkansas, is attached to staff headquarters of a division of the Field Artillery.