

Sooner Sports

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Sooners	0,	Tulsa	23
Sooners	0,	Texas	7
Sooners	25,	Kansas	0

RE-ADJUSTMENT of both offense and defense to compensate for the unfortunate loss for the season of Dave Wallace, swarthy little sophomore wingback, has started the Oklahoma football team on the comeback trail after it failed to score in its first three games.

Wallace, a smart, speedy 165-pound scatter who was being groomed to fill Joe "Junior" Golding's spot, was carried off the practice field with a smashed knee just four days before the Oklahoma-Aggie game and two days later was operated on for the removal of injured cartilage.

With him on the stretcher went Oklahoma's hope to do anything in its early games, for Wallace was Oklahoma's only broken field threat. Depriving the already war-diminished Sooner squad of Wallace was like taking Beryl Clark from the 1939 team, or Bill Pansze from the 1932 team, or Harry "Dutch" Hill from the 1920 team.

It also left the Sooners stranded with the high-geared offense cleverly built to exploit Wallace's rippling speed, an offense that had taken three weeks to compound but which now was totally useless, although it had to be used because there wasn't time to change it.

So the Sooners went to Stillwater without Wallace and played the highly-keyed Oklahoma Aggies a 0-0 tie. It was the first of four consecutive road games and consequently entailed unusual handicaps. Also, in the Aggies and Tulsa, Oklahoma faced on consecutive week ends intra-state rivals who had pointed for them all summer, and this concentration, plus personnel losses to the service in such skilled departments as kicking, passing and speed, could not be overcome.

Oklahoma's aggressive line kept the Aggies from winning the game by holding them for downs a scant foot short of the goal in the second quarter. Meanwhile the Sooner offense, struggling without Wallace and burdened with the speedy open stuff that was to have sprung Wallace loose, made only two earned first downs against the fighting Farmer defense, led by a big sophomore tackle named Spencer who ball-and-chained the floundering Sooner backs all afternoon long.

With four additional days to re-align its offense, Oklahoma went to Tulsa the following week to play Coach Henry Frnka's Golden Hurricane. All through the first half, it looked like the battling Sooners might handle the Hurricane in spite of the

Tulsa team's tremendous advantage in kicking and forward passing. The Sooners quickly choked the Tulsa rushing game only to have Glenn Dobbs, Tulsa's tall senior back, lift phenomenal punts of 80 and 87 yards, the last a spinning shot that cleared Safety Eddie Davis's red helmet by 20 yards, to boot the Sooners away from the Tulsa goal.

But midway of the second quarter Oklahoma, charging strongly behind its big line, over-powered Tulsa with a 61-yard drive. Like valiant infantry dauntlessly smashing forward without air power, the Sooners slowly but steadily bludgeoned their way along the ground with Huel Hamm, their big, blond tailback, rooting powerfully through the weary Tulsa forwards.

But down on the Tulsa 14-yard line where Hamm had made a first down on a six-yard slash, Oklahoma got a clipping penalty for 15 yards, and, forced to risk a forward-lateral for long yardage, saw the splendid offensive wasted as a Tulsa linebacker bored in viciously to spill a Sooner receiver and force a fumble which Tulsa recovered.

If Oklahoma could have scored on this drive, Tulsa might never have caught her.

However it was Tulsa who eventually crossed the goal in this quarter, the Hurricane putting over the vital touchdown on the last play of the first half with a quickness that surprised the throng of 12,000. Coming into possession of the leather in midfield where she took the ball on downs

when Oklahoma elected to gamble on fourth down with only three plays left in the half, Tulsa miraculously scored in the few seconds left her.

N. A. Keithley, of Miami, who had come into the game for Dobbs, cut back over guard for 12 yards, then flung a pass to End Johnny Green that went 32 yards to the Sooner 10, then tried to sweep the Oklahoma left end, was hemmed in, turned back up the middle of the field and, sorely beset by tacklers, desperately chunked a wobbly pass into the end zone where Sax Judd, Tulsa end, who was standing all alone, caught the ball for the score. Clyde LeForce, Bristow sophomore who forsook Oklahoma to attend Tulsa to study petroleum engineering, didn't have to use his slide rule to gauge the angle correctly, booting his first of three consecutive conversion placekicks for the extra point.

The Sooners couldn't seem to rally from this sudden frustration and the last half was all Tulsa. Helpless on the ground, Frnka's team introduced Oklahoma to a ruthless forward passing offensive featuring Keithley, a fine pegger and Judd, a great receiver who exploded away from the slow Sooner coverage to make seven stunning catches. Most important of all, Tulsa broke the cellophane on the finest forward pass protection a Sooner team has encountered in modern times.

Oklahoma's big linesmen tried every wile and stratagem in their repertoire to pierce it, feinting the Tulsa blockers, trying to leap over them, and striving to drive them into the passer, but it was useless. The Tulsa defenders formed a protective cup, forcing everything to the outside. Penetrating it was like trying to get past an office full of secretaries to interview a celebrity; when the Sooners finally did crash his sanctum they discovered he was out to lunch.

Behind this blocking shield, little Keithley stood straight up only five yards behind the scrimmage line and with plenty of time to measure the target, hurled with the practiced accuracy of a vaudeville knifethrower. Five times the fighting Sooner line dug in on the goal after whizzing Tulsa passes had escorted the ball there. Three times they held for downs but on two other occasions Tulsa backs wriggled across from point blank range after repeated bunts.

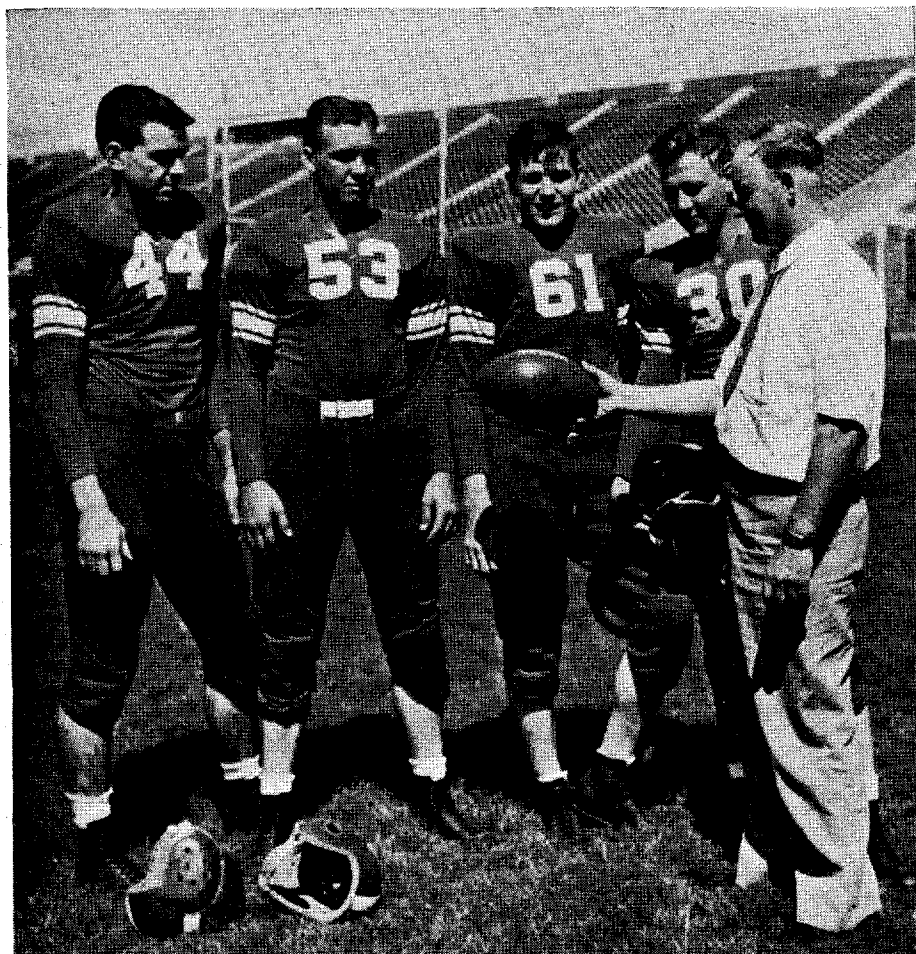
The Sooner comeback started against Coach Dana X. Bible's Texas Steers, a good team that had overwhelmed the Corpus Christi Air Base 40-0, Kansas State 64-0, lost 0-3 to Northwestern and one week after the Sooner game mauled Arkansas 45-6.

A notoriously fine running team, Texas found her rushing game completely shackled by Oklahoma's tough line. The favored



MRS. YOUNG AND WADDY

On furlough from the Army Air Corps, former All-American end Waddy Young, '40, was on the sidelines for the Sooner football game with the Aggies in Stillwater. With the lieutenant was Mrs. Young, Oklahoma A. and M. alumnus, whom Waddy calls Maggie the Aggie.



BLOCKING BACKS GET RARE GLIMPSE

The blocking backs, busy with interference plays smoothing the way for the ball carriers, seldom get to see the pigskin. Here, Dale Arbuckle, acting athletic director and backfield director, in a benevolent mood, shows the boys what the object of all the to-do looks like. Gazers (left to right) are Jack Steele, Lone Wolf; Bill Campbell, Grove; Myrle Greathouse, Amarillo, and Jack Bechtold, Perry.

Longhorns never could move the ball inside the Oklahoma 20-yard stripe, so commandingly did the 200-pound Oklahoma line, consisting of Ends Dub Lamb and Jim Tyree, Tackles Homer Simmons and Sammy Stephens, Guards Clare Morford and George Gibbons and Center Jack Marsee, throw back everything directed at them.

And the crowd of 20,351 was thrilled by two Sooner offensive surges. Dub Lamb made the first one possible when he rushed Passer Travis Raven into fumbling at mid-field, Oklahoma driving from there to within inches of a first down on the Texas eight-yard line despite a five-yard penalty for excessive timeouts, and the noisy kibitzing of an airplane which roared low over the field, causing a premature Sooner snapback and wasting one precious play. In the fourth quarter Oklahoma smashed to the Texas 10 where two Sooner passes on third and fourth downs failed.

Texas won the game 7 to 0 early in the second half when Ken Matthews, a swifty from Corpus Christi, ran a victorious 5-yard dash with a slower Sooner back to catch a crosscountry pass thrown by Roy McKay from midfield two steps ahead of all Sooner pursuit on the goal line. The old Sooner

bugaboo of lack of swiftness in the secondary had cost another game.

But the big red-clad Norman team was fast finding itself. Against Kansas at Lawrence, the Sooners for the first time this season began hitting their forward passes, thus turning on the enemy the same merciless guns that had shelled Oklahoma herself into such grief in the Tulsa and Texas games.

Hamm began to hit Bill Mattox, senior wingback, with long passes right in the center of the box defense employed by the Kansas secondary. His first shot set up the first Oklahoma touchdown, scored by Hamm himself with a minute left in the first half after a 47-yard march in six plays.

On the third play of the second half, Hamm fired to the same spot, this time hitting Mattox for 50 yards and the second touchdown. This took all the starch out of the brave Kansas team. Thereafter the Sooner first and second teams, playing in units, wore out the tired and discouraged Jayhawker starting aggregation, registering two more touchdowns and barely failing to tally others.

Although Kansas is weak, having failed

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missions upon Cullie B. Harris, '41eng, Willow, and Robert L. Newman, '37-'38, Shawnee.

Maj. William H. Cobb, '23-'27, is post headquarters supply officer at Sheppard Field. Major Cobb, who served in the Navy during World War I, is a champion marksman, and holds numerous trophies won at fancy shooting exhibitions. Lt. Bob Cocanower, '37-'42, Pvt. William M. Haun, '42law, Pvt. J. W. Cook, Jr., '42m.ed, George W. Cable, '42law, Tulsa, and Frank C. Amend, Jr., '42bus, Antlers, are also stationed there.

Louis C. Ross, '38law, on duty with a motorized division at Camp Barkeley, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Before entering the service, Captain Ross practiced law in Tulsa. At the Barkeley Medical Replacement Center, Holland B. Evans, '41, Norman, has been made a staff sergeant. Pvt. James B. Dixon, '37pharm, formerly with the Bauer and Black Company, is with a Medical Training Battalion there.

Three alumni were given important posts of duty in the recent reorganization of administration at Camp Barkeley. Lt. Roy P. Stewart, '31 jourm, former city editor of the *Daily Oklahoman*, was made director of the public relations division. Capt. Alfred H. Bungardt, '39med, former Oklahoma City physician, was appointed commander of the medical department in the post surgeon division. Lt. John A. Pennington, '40m.ed, Ada, was assigned to the Signal Corps branch in the supply division.

Four alumni stationed at Fort Sam Houston were recently promoted to the rank of captain. They were Herbert H. Champlin, '30-'33, Emil F. Meis, Jr., '37bus, Walter Dean Hart, '41law, and I. R. Ozmun, '37bus. Lt. Paul M. Setzer, '36-'40, Oklahoma City, is also on duty there.

Lt. (jg) David R. Montgomery, '30-'33, Oklahoma City, was assigned to the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station as assistant supply officer. Ensign Ernest E. Evinger, '42eng, is assistant structures superintendent in the assembly and repair department at the station. Arthur L. Southerland, '32-'36, Norman, has been promoted to the rating of warrant officer gunner there.

Lt. Joseph Q. Snyder, '42, Picher, and Lt. John Miskovsky, '38bus, former football coach at Capitol Hill High School, were stationed at Camp Hood. Lieutenant Miskovsky was with a Tank Destroyer battalion.

Lawrence A. Trautman, '38eng, Norman, executive and maintenance officer for his battalion at Camp Bowie, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

John S. West, '40, Norman, has been promoted to staff sergeant at the Hondo Navigation School.

Cadet Stuart M. Abrams, '42bus, was in training with the Army Air Corps at Kelly Field.

Marion S. Owens, '31-'34, Oklahoma City, who was stationed at Camp Howze, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Cadet Carl Crites, '37-'40, Bartlesville, has been training as a navigator at Ellington Field.

Lt. Winston V. Cruzan, '32-'33, of Oklahoma City, is post dental surgeon at the Greenville Army Air Force Basic Flying School.

Murray E. Gibbons, Jr., '38med, former Oklahoma City physician, has been promoted to the rank of captain at Camp Barkeley.

Tom W. Jackson, '34-'35, Tipton, and Floyd H. Keller, '39pharm, Woodward, were commissioned second lieutenants early in September at the Army Air Forces Navigation School, Hondo. Walter S. Murphey, '38-'40, Norman, was in training there in October. Prior to his acceptance as an aviation cadet, he was a sergeant in the regular Army.

Capt. L. A. Sybert Johnson, '36med, and Lt. David Fried, '40med, were stationed at Randolph Field. Lt. Herman Bender, '41med, Norman, was transferred there for special training in aviation medicine. John R. Arant, '42cd, is a member of the Randolph Field band.

In September, Robert E. Lewis, Jr., '40-'41,

Pryor, John R. Couch, '40law, Harrah, Harold K. Wood, '41, Lexington, Dick D. Bednar, '40-'41, Chickasha, and Robert H. McKinney, '41bus, Enid, were commissioned second lieutenants in the Army Air Corps at the Midland Army Flying School. James M. Mahaffey, '40-'42, Norman, is taking bombardier training there.

Charles R. Mertz, '40, Ponca City, and Jesse W. Pennington, '42geol, Norman, are stationed at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

Laurence D. Montgomery, '29ba, '30ms, is an aviation instructor at Lamesa Field.

Lt. William M. O'Brien, '38ba, of Gilmer, Texas, is stationed with the Medical Detachment at the Air Force Glider School, Lubbock.

Gene Thomas, '39, Norman, on duty in the Engineers office at the Waco Army Flying Field, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Pvt. H. D. Hunter, '40ed, is a member of the Air Force band at the field.

Lt. Homer E. Walker, '37-'39, of Tulsa, is a flying instructor at the Pecos Army Flying School.

Capt. Marvin Ludington, '28law, has been transferred to Camp Hulen with a Coast Artillery regiment.

Capt. Robert S. Hollingsworth, '37med, an X-ray specialist with the Medical Corps, is stationed at the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso.

Lt. George O. Young, '42eng, is stationed at Camp Wallace.

Lt. Richard G. Dulaney, '42bs, Dallas, is a member of the Signal Corps.

Lt. Maynard Williams, '38law, of Norman, is an instructor in Field Artillery at Texas A. and M. College, College Station.

Lt. (jg) Joseph G. Sneed, '36-'38, of Madill, is stationed with the Naval Reserve at Orange.

Lt. Walter Scott, '31law, former executive secretary of the Oklahoma Bar Association, is stationed at Kelleyville in the Air Corps.

Cadet Al Horwitz, '42jourm, member of the Wiley Post Tornadoes naval aviation group, was transferred to Hensley Field following an indoctrination period at Athens, Georgia.

Carl Lochner, '42, was stationed at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Dallas.

Utah

Lt. Linne F. Holmberg, '28geol, was assigned as assistant supply officer at the Hill Field Air Depot. In civilian life Lieutenant Holmberg was superintendent of the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, Duncan.

Maj. Earl L. Yeakel, '41bs, former Oklahoma City physician, has been assigned to the Ogden Air Depot.

Virginia

Lt. Sherrill W. White, '31ba, Oklahoma City, was stationed with the Marine Corps at Quantico. Ted Armstrong, '40jourm, former managing editor of the *Okmulgee Daily Times*, now a Marine private first class, and Mark Holliday, '42jourm, Anadarko, expected to enter officer training at Quantico this fall.

A. B. Balch, Jr., '38-'41, has been promoted to sergeant at Camp Lee. Pvt. Robert L. Manke, '25ba, is on duty there with a Quartermaster training regiment.

Tom Ryle, '40-'41, Norman, William A. Hessin, '42eng, Newark, Ohio, and Paul H. Hodge, '33law, Norman, have been taking officer training at Fort Belvoir.

William W. Dunn, '42pharm, is a pharmacist mate second class and Harold R. Hutton, '42pharm, is a pharmacist mate third class at the Norfolk Naval Hospital at Portsmouth.

Lt. M. Dean Bridges, '42bus, Bartlesville, was on duty at the A. P. Hill Reservation last month as a company commanding officer.

Parker Worley, '40-'42, is stationed in the Navy Accounting School at Arlington.

Lt. Raymond L. Bacon, '42bus, Oklahoma City, is stationed at the Quartermaster Depot, Richmond.

Washington

Capt. A. W. Lincoln, '15-'17, '19, who left the University to enlist in the first World War, has been called into service again and was stationed at Fort George Wright. In civilian life, Captain Lincoln was general manager of the Home Lumber and Coal Company in Boise, Idaho. Henryetta was originally his home.

Jack Rorschach, '31law, former Vinita lawyer and member of the Oklahoma State Legislature, has been promoted to the rank of captain at Corvallis.

Lt. Amos Battenfield, '41jourm, was stationed at Ephrata Air Base with a bombing squadron.

Sgt. Graham W. Diggs, Jr., '42ba, Wetumka, is with a bombing squadron at Walla Walla.

Wisconsin

Cpl. H. N. Stone, '42geol, was stationed at the Army Air Force Technical Training School at Madison.

Wyoming

Lt. Charles J. Hardister, '42bus, and Lt. Merle S. Draper, '42bs, were stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren.



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to win a game this season, the Oklahoma showing was impressive. The Sooners, especially in the second half, threw up a formidable land and air offensive, supplemented by intelligent kicking and excellent pass defense featuring a five-man line that smothered Ray Evans, Kansas's ace passer, who hit only 5 passes in 22 attempts for 51 yards. The Oklahoma reserves, most of them raw sophomores, came through satisfactorily, furnishing ample encouragement for the hope that Oklahoma has at last overcome the confusion attending the untimely loss of Wallace and with Nebraska and Missouri to be entertained at Owen Field, may yet rise about her handicaps and become a power in the 1942 Big Six race.

The remainder of the Oklahoma schedule:

- Oct. 24 Nebraska at Norman (Parents' Day)
- Oct. 31 Iowa State at Ames
- Nov. 7 Kansas State at Norman
- Nov. 14 Missouri at Norman (Homecoming)
- Nov. 21 Temple at Philadelphia
- Dec. 5 William and Mary at Norman.

Football Games Broadcast

Radio Station WNAD (640 kilocycles) resumed broadcasts of Sooner football games this fall and thus far, save for the first encounter with the Aggies, has carried all games.

Of those yet to be played, all will be broadcast with the possible exception of the game with Temple University at Philadelphia. Difficulty in getting a line through may be overcome in time, officials said.

Remaining games which will be broadcast over WNAD include the Kansas State at Norman, November 7; Missouri at Norman, November 14, and William and Mary at Norman, December 5. Les Metzger, Lawton sporting goods salesman, does the broadcasting.