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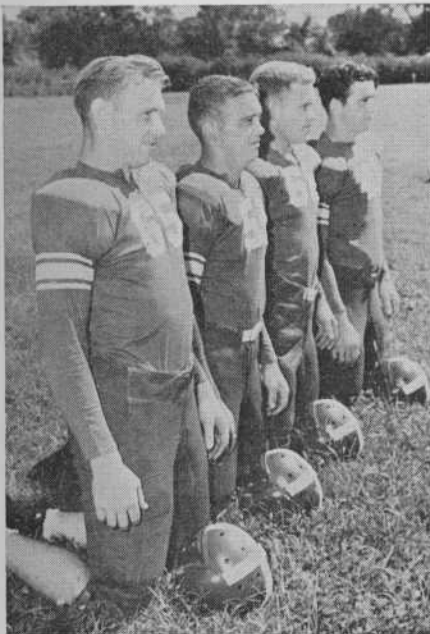
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As THIS is written, the 1942 Sooner football team is totally untested on the field of battle. However when the *Sooner Magazine* appears, early in October, the Sooners will have played both the Oklahoma Aggies and Tulsa University and will be pointing for their important Texas clash at Dallas.

Therefore, because of deadline exigencies, this month's sports review will contain very little of much news value.

The University's third war-time football team (the others were the teams of '98 and '17) seemed to be shaping up pretty well although it had the tragic misfortune to lose Dave Wallace, brilliant sophomore wingback from Oklahoma City, for the season from a knee injury the Tuesday before the Aggie game. Wallace's flossy scating had been the talk of the squad in the Sooners' closed scrimmages this fall. He was the only break away back on the squad. Fast and clever, the swarthy little 165-pounder had just waltzed through the Freshmen for a 60-yard gain a few minutes before he was hurt, going to the last man. He was hurt going down on a punt, a Freshman blocking him so terrifically that the cartilage in his knee was injured, compelling an operation.

Last year's losses were considerable.



FOUR VETERANS CARRY ON

Calls to Uncle Sam's service thinned out the football oldsters' ranks, leaving Clare Morford, guard, and Jim Tyree, end, both juniors, and Bill Campbell, blocking back, and Dub Lamb, end, both seniors. Both Campbell and Tyree played 60 minutes at the Nebraska game which wound up the 1941 season.



SOONERS' END POSITION IS BEST FORTIFIED

This formidable lineup shows the eight members of the Sooner squad who play end, best fortified position on the team this fall. This serious, shaggy-looking bunch includes (left to right) Dub Lamb, Jim Tyree, Dub Wooten, player now withdrawn, Don McDonald, Bill Jensen, Wayne Goodall, Archie Bradley and Olen Andrews.

Among the seniors who had played out their eligibility included Jack Jacobs, big Creek Indian tailback, who has passed to the Happy Hunting Grounds of collegiate competition, speedy Orv Mathews and Roger Eason and Howard Teeter, first team tackles. Among the returning lettermen, several marched off to war, among them Joe (Junior) Golding, great junior wingback; Tackle Plato Andros, Guard George Boudreau and Centers Lee Cowling and Max Fischer.

Practically all the Sooner Varsity players over 20 are now enlistees in the nation's armed forces. Among branches of the military to which Sooner football players belong, and are awaiting call, are the R.O.T.C. Field Artillery, Marine Reserve, Air Force Reserve, R.O.T.C. Ordnance, Army Air Force and the Naval R.O.T.C. The first and second team Sooner backfields are enlisted to a man in the nation's armed forces.

The complete varsity schedule is:

- Sept. 26—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
- Oct. 3—Tulsa University at Tulsa.
- Oct. 10—Texas at Dallas.
- Oct. 17—Kansas at Lawrence.
- 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.

Travel Hardships Are Nothing New

If wartime transportation emergencies this fall compel collegiate football travel-

ing squads to ride chair cars and eat at restaurants instead of enjoying the usual luxury of Pullmans and diners, old-time Oklahoma football players can assure the Sooners of 1942 that it can be done.

Back in 1900 when an Oklahoma football squad of the mustache-cup era traveled 500 miles south on a slow train to play Texas at Austin, the Sooners not only slept in a chair car but took along their own victuals.

Lacking funds with which to purchase all their meals, the boys solved it their own way. Center Clyde Bogle, who operated a dairy, brought along fresh cream and butter. Halfback Harv Short contributed a sack of apples off his father's farm and with nearly every player bringing something, the squad was able to assuage its appetite on the long trip.

Players had to bolt their meals between trains in that early day. The Oklahoma team of 1901, perched on lunch counter stools at Purcell, Indian Territory, was startled to hear the cry "There goes our train!" Picking up their sandwiches, the boys made a run for it. All of them made it except Bogle, who had a crippled foot. Bogle walked the remaining 17 miles to Norman, sore foot and all, covering it in approximately five hours.

It was the popular custom of gamblers in those days to "doctor" food of the visiting team to diminish its efficiency. When the Oklahoma team of 1903 arrived at Lawrence, Kansas, to play Kansas and marched

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to a restaurant to partake of the pre-game meal, two of the players astonished Coach Mark McMahan by asking for coffee, which was then considered taboo as a training drink.

McMahan frowningly consented but himself righteously joined the remainder of the squad in ordering milk. However, the milk had been "doped" by Lawrence gamblers and the entire Oklahoma squad, except the two who had presumed to ask for coffee, became ill and performed only indifferently in the game.

The Sooner team of 1906 suffered a different experience. After playing a scoreless tie with Pete Houser's strong Pawhuska town team, the University boys piled into carryalls to ride the seven miles from Pawhuska to the nearby railroad junction of Nelagoney. However the carryalls broke down on the rocky roads and the football squad had to get out and walk the last four miles.

Financing football was so difficult in early days that occasionally the Sooners had to play three games on one trip to meet expenses. For example, in 1909 Oklahoma played St. Louis University at St. Louis, Texas Aggies at Dallas and Texas at Austin in five days, spending nearly all their time on the train. They defeated St. Louis 11-5, lost to Texas Aggies 8-14 and by the time they got to Austin were so worn-out and crippled that Texas shot through them 30 to 0.

Trips to Arkansas were probably the worst-dreaded of all then. In 1919 a strong Sooner team practiced at Norman Friday afternoon, drove to Oklahoma City in automobiles, caught the midnight train to Fayetteville, Arkansas, rode it with nothing to eat but some fruit and sandwiches until 2 p.m. the day of the game, dressed on the train, rushed out on the field and was beaten 7-6 by Arkansas after drubbing the Razorbacks 103-0 at Norman the year before.

Senor Gill Reports In Two Uniforms

A South American student, who innocently reported wearing his undershirt and drawers beneath his football uniform, raised the Oklahoma Junior Varsity football squad to 53 men late in September but nearly caused reduction of the Sooner Jay-Vee coaching staff from two to one.

The lad's name is Hector Gil. He is a petroleum engineering sophomore from Colombia. He is short, dark and swarthy and has never played American football although he has played some soccer.

John Jacobs, veteran Sooner track coach who is helping Basketball Coach Bruce Drake handle the Junior Varsity, threw up his hands when he first spied Gil's curious blending of civilian and football attire. Jacobs made Gil take off everything and

then showed him how to correctly put on his uniform, piece by piece.

Jacobs doubts if Gil will be with the Sooner Jay-Vees very long, anyhow.

"If he starts talking about those South American snakes again, one of us has got to leave," declares the Sooner track coach, positively. "It's either him or me."

Because Jacobs and Gil had met before, when Gil came out for track last spring. It was then that Jacobs began to call Gil "Snake Eater" because of the South American lad's weird stories about the multiplicity of snakes in his Colombian homeland.

"He told me that snakes in South America grow so big they coil in two piles," Jacobs relates. "I got so I couldn't sleep at night from thinking about those snakes. I finally had to take up Gil's track suit so I could get a little rest. And now he's out for Junior Varsity football and I suppose I'm going to have to go through that snake business all over again."

Gil's spirit is characteristic of the Oklahoma Junior Varsity. Head Coach Dewey (Snorter) Luster's idea to ready under-sized students as potential fighting men of war by letting them play a six-game schedule against nearby state college and junior college teams, thus toughening them by rough contact sports.

The Sooner Junior Varsity schedule:

- Oct. 16—Murray Aggies at Norman.
- Oct. 23—Cameron Aggies at Lawton.
- Oct. 30—Central Teachers at Norman.
- Nov. 6—Murray Aggies at Tishomingo.
- Nov. 13—Central Teachers at Edmond.
- Nov. 20—East Central Teachers at Ada.

Star Freshmen Athletes Join O. U. Sports Ranks

University minor sports teams, as well as the Sooner football squad, have drawn several star freshmen athletes, the current enrollment shows.

An early check of them reveals the following high school stars are now within the Sooner fold:

BASKETBALL—Charles Pugsley, Oklahoma City Classen; James Mitchell, Oklahoma City Classen; Paul Merchant, Tulsa Webster; Harold Hines, Oklahoma City Central; Roy Gray, Vinita; Lynn "Hobo" Gilstrap, Ardmore; Duane Ross, Tulsa Central; Roy Longmire, Friendship.

GOLF—Keith Fowler, of Bartlesville; Charles Coe, Ardmore.

TRACK—Andy Cary, Duncan; Lynn "Hobo" Gilstrap, Ardmore; George Viney, Lawton; Bill Tooke, Tulsa Central; Jimmy Jones, Tulsa Central; Bill Johnson, Tulsa Central; Shelby Ross, Tulsa Central; Owen Roof, Thomas; Joe Bailey, Macomb; Eugene Baker, Shawnee; Leroy Esadoah, Lawton.

TENNIS—Albert Pick, Oklahoma City Classen; Stanley Draper, Oklahoma City Classen.

BASEBALL—Jack Southwick, Garber; Earl Perry, Tulsa; Charles Pugsley, Oklahoma City Classen; James Mitchell, Oklahoma City Classen; Merrell McDonald, Garber; Harlan Sherman, Oklahoma City Capitol Hill; Olin Corley, Friendship; Lyman Bryan, Newcastle.

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founder of Frankhoma Pottery, supervised ceramics in the Department of Art where he stressed the use of native clay in pottery manufacture. A roller skating rink was established in the Fieldhouse with special music provided by a campus orchestra. Charles Brown, '33ba, '34ma, won a \$100 prize offered by the Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation for the best essay on "The Quest for Understanding." As the 1932 school year drew to a close, Max Gilstrap, '37journ, left the campus to spend the summer as a forest ranger in Yosemite National Park.

During the economic depression, student life assumed a sober aspect with many undergraduates self-supporting and both individual and institutional budgets leaner than they had been for some time. Men and women students knuckled down and found they could make good grades, carry work outside of classes and still have an enjoyable time going to school. Expensive entertainments were almost entirely abandoned in favor of occasional movies, informal student dances and free intramural athletic events.

A year ago, the University welcomed home its first alumnus-president, Joseph A. Brandt, who had been in the newspaper and publishing business since graduation in 1921. Constructive steps were taken during his first year as president to tie the administration and student body closer together, and to treat the students as future alumni.

Since Pearl Harbor, the University naturally has made many adjustments in order to meet changing conditions. Approximately 3,000 University alumni are now known to be in active service, as well as many faculty members who were granted leaves of absence to take defense positions requiring special knowledge and skill. During the year many students withdrew from school to enlist in the various branches of service, repeating University history of 25 years ago.

This year, besides the regular curricula, there will be a number of reserve classes for students who wish to enlist and continue their college education while training to be of greater service to the country. Student life will center, to a great degree, around war work and local naval projects for the next few years.