

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

SOONER athletic authorities were looking beyond the war when they signed Orville Tuttle, squat tank-like guard of the New York Giants professional team, as the new Sooner football line coach to succeed Lawrence "Jap" Haskell, Sooner athletic director and line coach. Haskell is on leave of absence with the Navy's physical education program for the duration.

Both Haskell, who has sought to retire from all active coaching so he can devote more time to his directorship (last year he relinquished baseball coaching to Jack Baer), and Head Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster have long sought to land the competent, soft-voiced Tuttle as Sooner football line mentor, but not until President Joseph Brandt announced Tuttle's signing in June did they finally get the big fellow's signature on a contract.

The Sooner staff has had a first-hand opportunity to study Tuttle's coaching methods; for the past three years Tuttle has helped handle the Sooner line in spring practice here and has done a good job. He believes in smashing, aggressive line play with his forwards constantly rushing the enemy forward passer.

Like all the other Sooner football coaches, Tuttle is an Oklahoman. He played four years of football at Bartlesville high school, winning four letters. Only two other athletes in Bartlesville's sports history are believed to have accomplished that feat, Tackle Harv Sark and Back Harry Smith, both of whom played before Tuttle. In his senior year, 1931, Tuttle was chosen center on the *Daily Oklahoman's* all-state interscholastic team although most of his playing had been at guard.

Tuttle's first college football was played under Coach Toby Green at Phillips University of Enid in 1932. In 1933 Tuttle transferred to Oklahoma City University for three years of competition. There he played guard under Coach Wes Fry, tackle for Coach Stan Williamson in 1934, and tackle for Coach Toby Green in 1935.

In 1936 Tuttle was Green's line coach at O.C.U. and in 1937, '38, '39, '40 and '41 he played guard on the New York Giants professional club. Steve Owen, former Aline, Oklahoma, High School and Phillips University athlete, was his line coach the first four years while Bill Owen, Steve's younger brother, was his line tutor last year.

Tuttle began his duties at Norman July 1. His appointment nicely rounds out the Sooner football staff for this fall. Luster will be the head coach, Dale Arbuckle backfield coach, Tuttle line coach, Frank Crider freshman coach and Jack Baer will assist Crider with the freshmen.

An appraisal July 1 of the Sooner football strength for this autumn discloses that



ORVILLE TUTTLE
Newly appointed Sooner line coach

Oklahoma had 20 returning lettermen. How many she will have September 7, when practice starts, is something else.

"By September 1 some of our boys could be full-fledged nephews of their Uncle Sam, depending upon whether the government calls out the 20-year-old registrants and also students enlisted in the various reserves," Coach Luster points out.

The Sooners retain four first teamers from last year (Ends Dub Lamb and Jim Tyree, Guard Clare Morford and Blocking Back Bill Campbell) and have lost seven (Tackles Roger Eason and Howard Teeter, Guard George Boudreau, Center Lee Cowling, Quarterback Orville Mathews and Tailback Jack Jacobs).

Twenty lettermen are on the return docket as of July 1 compared to 17 lost, but the departed talent was more experienced than that available for this fall. In other words, the Sooners lost 3,204 minutes of actual playing experience in the going of 17 lettermen and keep 2,736 minutes of experience in the 20 lettermen on hand July 1.

Eight of the lost "O" winners would have been eligible this fall had they returned to school. They are Center Lee Cowling (Naval Air Corps), Center Max Fischer (defense plant), Guard George Boudreau (Navy), Tackle Clovis Pierce (Army), Tailback Carl Brewington (defense plant), Guard Joe Allton (defense plant); Quarterback J. S. Munsey (Air Corps) and Wingback Joe Golding (withdrew from school to enlist in Coast Guard).

Four of these would have been first teamers this fall—Munsey, Cowling, Boudreau and Golding.

Of the returning lettermen, 17 are enlisted in the various military reserves and, barring emergency calls, won't report for duty until after graduation. They are:

Army Air Force reserve—W. G. Lamb, Huel Hamm, Bill Campbell, Mitch Shadid.

Marine reserve—Homer Simmons, Ben Tillman, Son Wright, Pug Harp, Bill Morris, Don McDonald.

Advanced R.O.T.C.—Bill Mattox, Jack Steele, George Gibbons, Pete Cawthon, Jr., Pat Shanks, Eddie Davis.

Naval R.O.T.C.—Boone Baker.

Every player on the Oklahoma varsity squad is registered. The June enrolment of 18 and 19-year-olds caught the 21 youngsters of the squad who hadn't previously been required to register.

Cyclones Easiest, Nebraska Toughest

Of the 11 opponents on the Sooner football slate this fall, Oklahoma has been most successful against Iowa State in past games and has had the most trouble with Nebraska and Texas. This doesn't necessarily mean that the Sooners will belt Iowa State this fall, nor be belted by the Longhorns and Cornhuskers. It's just expression of what the trend has been.

Sooner teams of the past have lost only 2 of 14 games against the Cyclones, yet have won only 3 of 21 against Nebraska and only 11 of 36 against Texas.

Oklahoma's condensed all-time record with her 1942 opponents:

Opp.	G	W	L	T	Pct.
Temple	1	1	0	0	1.000
Iowa State	14	11	2	1	.846
Okl. Aggies	36	25	6	5	.806
Kansas State	27	14	9	4	.642
Tulsa	11	6	4	1	.600
Missouri	32	15	15	2	.500
Kansas	39	17	18	4	.485
Texas	36	11	23	2	.323
Nebraska	21	3	15	3	.166

The Texas series is the oldest on the Oklahoma slate. The Sooners began meeting Texas in 1900, Missouri in 1902, Kansas in 1903, Oklahoma Aggies in 1904, Kansas State in 1908, Nebraska in 1912, Tulsa in 1914 and Iowa State in 1928, the year the Big Six was formed.

However, Oklahoma has played the most games against Kansas, 39.

The 1942 Sooner schedule, with Georgia Naval Aviation School canceled because of a ruling against cadets being away from the base more than 48 hours, is as follows:

- September 26—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
- October 3—Tulsa at Tulsa.
- October 10—Texas at Dallas.
- October 17—Kansas at Lawrence.
- October 24—Nebraska at Norman.
- October 31—Iowa State at Ames.
- November 7—Kansas State at Norman.
- November 14—Missouri at Norman (Homecoming).
- November 21—Temple at Philadelphia.
- December 5—William and Mary at Norman.
- December 12—Keesler Field, Mississippi, at Norman.