

# Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

CHARTING the University's course along the same route it took during the last war, Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle announced February 16 in a statement to the press that the University would have intercollegiate sports next school year because "it is our patriotic duty to sponsor them in time of war."

Arbuckle said Oklahoma's 1943 football schedule would have to be revised, long trips were out and that "we will take our games to the people, probably playing some games in nearby Oklahoma City."

The Sooner director declared that "more than 30,000 men who played intercollegiate football last year are now in our armed forces and don't tell me they don't make the finest soldiers of all. Not only are they ready physically, but they have also acquired trained reflexes and an instructive combativeness that is difficult to teach soldiers who haven't been in sports."

Arbuckle said it was incumbent upon the University to develop this type of soldier among the hundreds of 17 and 18-year-old students who will be in the University next school year, and also among the older reserves still in school.

## Texas Relays Name

### John Jacobs Referee

The University was honored recently when Texas-born John Jacobs, since 1922 the Sooner track and field coach, was named honorary referee of the Texas Relays April 3 at Austin, Texas.

Last year Jacobs developed the Oklahoma sprint medley team that broke the world's record at the Drake Relays with Bill Lyda, the Sooner's national collegiate half-mile champion, thrilling the fans with a blazing 1:49.7 anchor 880 that was also right on the world record.

"I was so tired after Bill's 880 at Des Moines, I couldn't walk downstairs off the stadium," the pop-eyed Jacobs declared after viewing his protege's feat from his favorite vantage point atop the stands.

The veteran Sooner coach has put an Oklahoman on each of the last three United States Olympic teams, and his boys have won races at the National Collegiates, Penn Relays, Princeton Invitation meet, Sugar Bowl meet and at every major relay carnival in the country.

Jacob's coaching methods are unique. Not only does he skillfully teach the sound fundamentals he has acquired in every event but he also puts over his stuff, and makes the Sooner track drills endlessly

entertaining, with a running flow of wise-cracks that, delivered in his Southwestern drawl, often border on philosophy.

"The main idea in the shot put is not to stand too close to your instrument after you follow through," is one of his axioms.

"The older we get, the faster we ran when we's boys," is another.

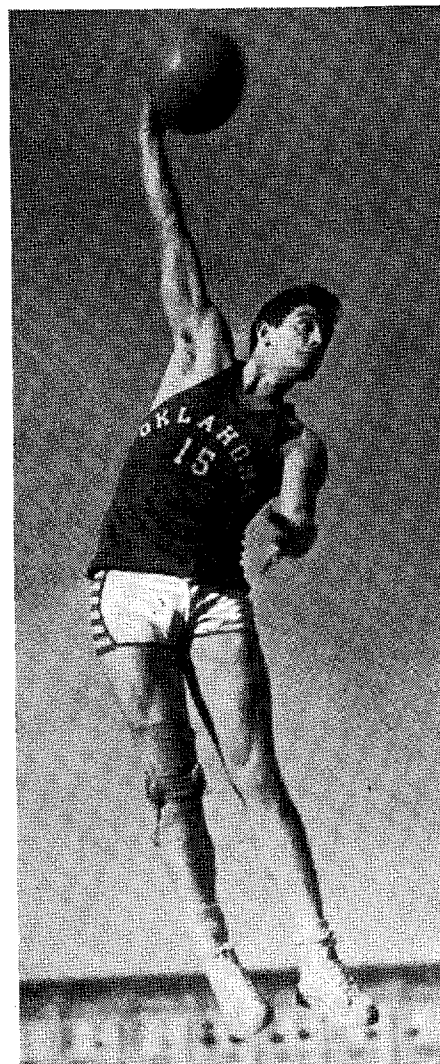
Jacobs regards a strange event as a challenge. In 1928 he made Tom Churchill into an Olympic decathlete. In 1932 and 1936 he re-cast Glenn Dawson into an Olympic steeplechaser. He developed Herman "Red" Nelson, gangling hurdler, into a Drake Relays 440-yard hurdles champion. He even made a marathon runner several years ago out of Elwood Cleveland and had Cleveland running 22 miles without walking before the youth finally gave up because he became so terrifically lonesome jogging alone on the roads.

Jacobs believes in feeding his hefty weight-throwers and on trips will cheerfully buy them five or six meals a day. But he draws the line on runners and jumpers. Once when javelin-pegger Jacobs began a meal at Lincoln, Nebraska by ordering a double orange juice, Jacobs looked quizzically at the Indian and remarked: "Why don't you order a whole crate and we'll help you squeeze 'em."

Jacobs came to the University as a crackerjack baseball player from Mangum High School back in 1911. He had never seen a track meet. He went out for track here to escape the boredom of his gym classes and in 1914 was high point scorer of the Southwest conference meet with three firsts and a second. He once held state intercollegiate records in the high jump, broad jump, high hurdles and low hurdles and always ran the first lap on the Sooners' all-victorious "dirt track" relay quartet of that day, the other members of which were Dr. Tom Lowry, recently appointed acting dean of the University Medical School; Fred Hansen, later assistant attorney general, and Dan McIntosh, Checotah attorney, the little Indian anchor man.

## Cagers Are Tripped By Missouri Tigers

Basketball-loving alumni can brace themselves for a shock. The Sooner club is now running two full games behind the red-jersied Kansas players. On their latest road trip, Oklahoma defeated Kansas State 38-35, but lost to Missouri at Columbia 45-50, with Thornton Jenkins, Missouri's big sophomore, banging in nine field goals.



### UP IN THE AIR

*Tom Rousey, senior on the Sooner basketball team, tries out his favorite hook pass as Coach Bruce Drake's Oklahoma team nears the end of the 1943 Big Six conference season.*

Meanwhile Kansas, holding grimly to the lead it has enjoyed from the first game when it licked the Sooners 48-44 at Norman on January 9, shellacked Nebraska at Lincoln 56-24 and got passed Iowa State at Ames 37-29, playing as brilliantly without the influenza-confined star, Charlie Black, as Oklahoma did the first half of last season without Gerald Tucker, disbarred sophomore phenom.

However, help is on the way for the Sooners. Freshmen became eligible in the Big Six conference March 1. That meant additional manpower for Oklahoma which was the only club in the league drawing its players from only two classes

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Wayne A. Starkey, '34med, on duty with the tactics department of the Camp Barkeley Officer Candidate School, has been promoted to the rank of major. Junius M. Austin, '33ed, has been transferred to the Officer Candidate School for training. Preston J. Moore, '40, Pawhuska, recently received his commission at the Barkeley Medical Replacement Training Center. Also at Camp Barkeley were Cpl. Rollo Watson, '40ed, Oak Hill, Oklahoma, with a service company; Cpl. Ozzie N. Simpkins, '40-'41, Norman, in the signal office, and Pfc. Ervin A. Nikkel, '42 bus, Corn, in the finance office.

## Utah

Lt. William G. McCreight, '40med, is stationed at Kearns with the Army Air Force medical staff. He and Mrs. McCreight (Jane Marsh, '34-'36) are living in Salt Lake City.

## Virginia

Lt. A. F. Bond, '40law, Norman, was on duty with the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Lee.

Recently commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps at Quantico were Roy O. Loftis, '42bus, Holdenville; Martin G. Miller, '30-'34, Muskogee; Clyde R. McGinnis, '36ed, Tulsa, and James H. Pope, '42phys.ed, Alma.

Ensign J. S. Roberts, '38bus, is stationed at the Naval Mine Warfare School at Yorktown.

## Washington

Pvt. Ira Eppler, '38fa, Oklahoma City, has been transferred to the Office of the Medical Supply Officer in Seattle.

Ensign H. Leonard Hawkinson, '40eng, Kansas City, Missouri, was in Seattle awaiting sailing orders.

Maj. E. H. (Bud) Larecy, '26, former Oklahoma C.C.C. officer, was recently transferred to Fort Lewis. Also on duty there was Pvt. Robert A. Carlson, '42ed, former Tulsa school teacher.

Capt. Estel B. McCollum, '32med, is assigned to general surgical service at Baxter General Hospital in Spokane.

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this season (all the Sooner sophomores are off to war).

Among the Oklahoma freshmen who should help the varsity are Charles Pugsley and Jim Mitchell, two six-footers from Oklahoma City Classen High School, and Harold Hines of Oklahoma City Central High School. Paul Merchant of Tulsa, star of the freshman squad, withdrew from the University at the end of the first semester to follow the Sooner sophomores off to war.

The complete Sooner basketball record this season and games yet to be played when this was written:

*Oklahoma 53, North Base Zoomers	29.
Oklahoma 43, Southwestern (Kans.)	20.
Oklahoma 42, Olathe Clippers	39.
Oklahoma 43, St. Johns (NY)	51.
Oklahoma 37, Wisconsin	48.
Oklahoma 34, Camp Grant	37.
Oklahoma 57, Bradley Tech	28.
*Oklahoma 44, Kansas	48.
*Oklahoma 57, Kansas State	38.
*Oklahoma 60, South Naval Base	33.
Oklahoma 69, Wichita U.	39.
*Oklahoma 59, 18th Field Artillery	25.
Oklahoma 56, Nebraska	32.
Oklahoma 46, Iowa State	37.
*Oklahoma 73, South Naval Base	37.
*Oklahoma 47, Iowa State	20.
*Oklahoma 43, North Base Zoomers	16.
Oklahoma 38, Kansas State	35.
Oklahoma 45, Missouri	50.
*Oklahoma 39, Olathe Clippers	47.
*Big Six Conference games.	

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