

Sooner Sports

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PROBABLY the first major school in the nation to finish a full season of 1943 spring football training, Oklahoma will have football next fall as she did back in 1918, barring unforeseen wartime complications.

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's Sooners just completed a six-weeks training period during which they played four matched games.

Several of the boys in the recent spring drills won't be around next fall, including Eddie Davis, 200-pound junior spinner back who was the backfield star of Luster's 1943 exercises, and Jim Tyree, veteran junior end. Davis and Tyree are in advanced R.O.T.C. here and probably will go to indoctrination camps in July, but will each have another season of competition after the war.

Among the letter backs who may be back next fall are Juniors Myrle Greathouse and Son Wright, Marine reserves, Boone Baker, junior in Naval R.O.T.C., and Pete Cawthon, Jr., engineering junior. Among the sophomore backs expected to return is Derald Lebow of Okmulgee in Naval R.O.T.C.

"O" linesmen who may return are Tackles Chris Lambert and Bill Morris and End Don McDonald, all Marine reserves.

Experienced players whose status is more doubtful are Backs Don Fauble and Oscar Raglin, and forwards Stanley Green, Wayne Goodall, Albert Downs and Lee Kennon.

Dave Wallace, sensational sophomore back of last season whose knee injury a week before the first game shelved him for the season, may play if his leg injury heals.

The schedule will have to be renovated with several of the games being played in larger cities than the present slate calls for. Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle may take some of the games to Oklahoma City's Taft stadium which now seats approximately 14,000. The Temple game November 21 was postponed for the duration, leaving the Sooners an open date there.

The 1943 schedule as it now stands: Oct. 2, Oklahoma Aggies at Norman; Oct. 9, Texas at Dallas; Oct. 16, Tulsa at Norman; Oct. 23, Kansas State at Manhattan; Oct. 30, Iowa State at Norman; Nov. 6, Kansas at Norman; Nov. 13, Missouri at Columbia; Nov. 27, Nebraska at Lincoln.

Jacobs to Emerge From 30-year Retirement

John Jacobs, Oklahoma's 49-year-old track coach and honorary referee of the 1943 Texas Relays, has accepted the challenge for a special 20-yard hurdle race issued by his rival of 30 years ago, Clyde



JACOBS HONORED

John Clark Jacobs, '15, veteran Sooner track coach, served as honorary referee of the Texas Relays April 3 at Austin.

Littlefield, Texas track coach and director of the Texas Relays.

"I pulled a muscle last night setting out cabbages, but my trainer says I will be okay by April 3," Jacobs told reporters when they showed him Littlefield's challenge.

The Oklahoma coach, a great dirt track hurdler, broad-jumper and high-jumper in his day, then revealed how he defeated Littlefield in the Texas-Oklahoma dual track meet at Austin, Texas, back in 1913.

"I worked out a defense for Littlefield's style of hurdling," Jacobs recalled. "Watching him hurdle in 1912, I noticed that in all his races, Littlefield would be three or four yards down the track when the starter's gun went off.

"So when I ran against him in 1913, I left with Littlefield. I don't know what happened to the other four boys in the race. I guess they waited on the gun."

Gerald Tucker Fires, Big Six Marks Fall

After scoring only modestly through most of the season, Gerald "Flats" Tucker, Oklahoma's great junior basketball center, suddenly turned himself loose in the final week of the Sooner home season.

On March 1 at Norman, Tucker funneled in 38 points and 18 field goals against Nebraska, both new Big Six records for a single game. On March 4 at Norman, he tallied 14 points to lead the Sooners to a 35-31 trimming of Coach Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies. On March 6 at Norman, he scored 21 points against Missouri in the

home finale and when newspapermen finally stopped figuring, the big Sooner flat-foot stood revealed as greatest scorer in all Big Six conference history.

Every club in the league has felt the new scoring champion's sting, even Kansas. Last year Tucker's 22 points against the Jayhawkers bounced Oklahoma into a tie for the league flag and has the highest scoring total made against a Kansas club since Bud Browning of Oklahoma threw in 27 points against them eight years ago. Tucker's 17 points against the Jayhawkers at Lawrence this season was the most a Big Six player made against Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen's team in 1943.

Here are some of the scoring marks the 200-pound Winfield, Kansas, sniper has set in his two years at Oklahoma and he still has his senior season before him:

(1) Most points one full season (ten games)—175 in 1943.

(2) Highest average one full season—17.5 points per game in 1943.

(3) Highest two-year scoring average—18.2 points per game in 1942 and 1943.

(4) Most points in one game—38 against Nebraska, 1943.

(5) Most points two consecutive league games—59 (average of 29.5) against Nebraska and Missouri, 1943.

(6) Most points three consecutive league games—76 (average of 25.3) against Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri, 1943.

(7) Most points four consecutive league games—86 (average of 21.5) against Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, 1943.

(8) Most points five consecutive league games—99 (average of 19.8) against Missouri, Nebraska, Nebraska, Iowa State and Kansas, 1942.

(9) Most field goals one full season (ten games)—68 in 1943.

(10) High field goal average one full season—6.8 per game in 1943.

(11) Most field goals one game—18 against Nebraska, 1943.

(12) Most field goals two consecutive games—26 (average of 13) against Nebraska and Missouri, 1943.

(13) Most field goals three consecutive games—32 (average of 10.6) against Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, 1943.

(14) Most field goals four consecutive games—35 (average of 8.7) against Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, 1943.

(15) Most field goals five consecutive games—40 (average of 8) against Missouri, Nebraska, Nebraska, Iowa State and Kansas, 1942.

(16) Highest field goal average two seasons—7.2 per game in 1942 and 1943.