

# Sooner Sports

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OKLAHOMA'S red-garbed Sooners ran around and threw over the 206-pound granite line of the Norman Naval Air Station Zoomers to win their first football game of the season at Owen Field September 25. The score was 22 to 6.

Although 16 of the 22 men Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster used were playing the first collegiate football of their lives, the Sooners deployed smartly and battled with such fiery spirit that they quickly wore down and exhausted their opponents, who outweighed them 18 pounds to the man, and included some of the finest college and professional players in the land.

The Zoomers, as Lt. Johnny Gregg's North Base boys are called, tired rapidly in the muggy heat.

Oklahoma scored first late in the opening quarter when Lewis Dunn, Nowata freshman who made the all-state high school team last fall, plucked a Zoomer pass out of the air and returned it nine yards to the Zoomer 34-yard line.

From there the Sooners swept across the goal in four plays. Bob Brumley, former Rice back who is Oklahoma's only major college first-string acquisition this fall, whipped a short pass to Derald Lebow, Boone Baker reversed 19 yards on a wonderful speedy sweep, a penalty cost the Zoomers five yards more and then on a weakside cutback Brumley dipped into their ponderous line for a touchdown standing up and kicked his own goal.

The Sooners made it 13-0 when without surrendering the second-half kickoff, they marched 65 yards to a second touchdown.

It was a smart, diversified attack that Luster's youngsters used. Brumley swung around left end for 12, Lebow hit Jim Desmond, former Santa Clara sub end, for 32 yards. Then Brumley hit Desmond for a first down on the Zoomer 10 and after Baker reversed for six, Brumley scored off tackle behind a smashing block by Lebow. He missed goal.

Here the Zoomer power plays began jelling and after Roy Coble, Zoom fullback, had rolled 35 yards through the middle of the light Sooner line to the Sooner six where Desmond postponed the touchdown by throwing him from behind, Foulchult scored a touchdown by inches on fourth down.

Leading only 13-6, the Sooners came back in a fury. John Harley, Tulsa freshman who is the son of John Harley, Benjie Owen's back of 1910, blocked a Zoom punt, the ball rolling across the goal for a safety.

The Zooms then tried a free kick but Brumley ran it back 29 yards to the Zoomer 34 and from there the Sooners scored in five plays, Brumley hitting Baker with a forward pass in the right flat after Charley Heard of Cleveland, last year's junior Varsity back, whipped around the Zoomer end for 27 yards on a fast reverse. Brumley goaled.

Ensign Steve Andrejko, Zoomer center and former All-America with Ohio State and the Washington Redskins, broke his leg late in the first quarter.

The fierce aggressiveness of the light, nimble Sooner line was the game's feature. Luster's forwards harassed the Zoom passers and kickers all day, blocking two punts and hurrying the passer who had to throw wildly or go down with the ball. Oklahoma employed a five-man line with three line-backers to harness the Zoom power. The Sooner punt and pass protection was surprisingly good.

Oklahoma's first team this year averaged only 178 pounds, with the line coming in at only 184 pounds.

## Summary

Earned first downs—Oklahoma	8
Zoomers	6
Yards gained rushing (net)—Oklahoma	137
Zoomers	82
Forward passing—Oklahoma completed	6 of 15 for 86 yards
Zoomers completed	5 of 12 for 39 yards
Average Yardage punts—Oklahoma	43.5
Zoomers	33.7
Yards kicks returned—Oklahoma	91
Zoomers	60
Yards lost penalties—Oklahoma	35
Zoomers	40



NEW TO SOONER FANS

*A three-year veteran, Bob Brumley, Rice's All-Southwest Conference fullback of '39, '40 and '41, will see action with the Oklahoma Sooners this fall while stationed at O. U. as a Navy Training Unit instructor.*

Some of the better-known Zoomer players in the game were Dave Currie (Washington State and St. Mary's Pre-Flight); Tony Roman (Minnesota); Clint Herron (Compton Junior College); Andrejko; Coble (Southwestern Tech); George Clay (Tulane); Bob Blaien (Nevada University); Dick Prchal (North Dakota University); John Svenson (Lafayette University); Ran Van Pelt (New Mexico State) and Sam Paragaray (Arizona State).

The rival lineups:

NAVY ZOOMERS		OKLAHOMA
Settles	LER	Wooten
Van Pelt	LTR	Tigart
Clay	LGR	Fulghum
Andrejko	C	Mayfield
Blaine	RGL	Link
Boyd	RTL	Kennen
Svenson	REL	Desmond
Robertson	LHR	Heard
Currie	RHL	Sparkman
Herron	QB	Brumley
Coble	FB	Lebow

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

NAVY ZOOMERS	0	0	6	0	—	6
OKLAHOMA	7	0	6	9	—	22

## OFFICIALS

Bat Shunatona (Oklahoma), referee; A. Linwood (Bus) Haskins (Oklahoma), umpire; Lester Caywood (St. John's), head linesman.

## SUBSTITUTIONS

Navy Zoomers: ends, Farley, Dark, Katanec, Brotherton; tackles, Davis, Spencer, Cutsinger; guards, McDonald, Paragary, Allison; centers, Prchal, Currie; backs, Smiles, Claybill, Edwards, Reagan, Fouchult, Dark, Roman.

Oklahoma: ends, Dinkins, Burgert; tackles, Gasaway, Harley; guards, Harley, Tillman, Fulghum, McGinty; center, Dunn; backs, Baker, Geter, Meinert, Estep.

Here's a statistical comparison of Oklahoma's 1942 and 1943 squads:

	SOONERS 1942	SOONERS 1943
Av. height	6ft. ½ in.	5ft. 11¼ in.
Av. age	20.8 years	19.3 years
Av. weight	187 pounds	174.6 pounds
No. returning lettermen	19	1
No. returning freshmen squadmen	22	4
No. of new freshmen	0	11
Div. of squad	28 linesmen 16 backs	19 linesmen 17 backs
Favorite major	33 arts and sciences	23 engineers

## Aggies Triumph At Taft Stadium

Here's how Oklahoma's foes fared in early games:

Oklahoma Aggies 21, Texas Tech 13.  
Texas 65, Blackland Army Air Field 6.  
Tulsa 20, Southern Methodist 7.  
Kansas 0, Washburn 0  
Missouri 13, Minnesota 26.