

# Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

OKLAHOMA finished all-victorious in Big Six Conference play and won her first football championship since 1938 when Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's Sooners beat Nebraska at Lincoln November 27, the first time a Sooner team had ever defeated the Cornhuskers on Nebraska soil, 26 to 7.

The expected Sooner victory was achieved without Derald Lebow, crack sophomore tailback, being able to play the last half. An ankle sprain slowed him up. It was so cold at Lincoln that the Oklahomans drew on long drawers between halves. The Sooner second team played nearly all the fourth quarter and yielded the lone Nebraska touchdown, a buck by Buzz Hollins after Teddy Kenfield's passes had carried to the Sooner three-yard mark.

Oklahoma's first team played the first three quarters, scoring four touchdowns and running 300 net yards to Nebraska's 70. Lebow passed to Dub Wooten on the goal for the first touchdown, Bob Brumley ripped six yards off tackle for the second, Brumley dove over guard for the third and Lloyd Meinert, Lone Wolf freshman, smashed off guard for the fourth. Brumley hit two of the four conversion goals.

## Sooners Potent In Conference Football

Coach Luster's three-year record in Big Six conference play as Sooner head coach now stands just short of .800 percent. Luster's Sooner teams have won 11, lost 3, tied 1 for a conference percentage of .785. Luster's year-by-year slate in Big Six play:

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	PTS.	OP. PTS.
1941	3	2	0	.600	115	35
1942	3	1	1	.750	121	20
1943	5	0	0	1.000	130	40
Total	11	3	1	.785	366	95

Oklahoma has never finished lower than second in Big Six play since its all-graduate staff took over three years ago. Luster and Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle handled the club alone this year, with Scout Guy Warren also giving aid whenever he could be present.

Coincidentally, the Sooner head coach has had an important hand in Oklahoma's last three conference championship teams. He captained the Sooners of 1920, Missouri Valley conference champions; was backfield coach of the Sooners of 1938 who won the Big Six flag and went to

the Orange Bowl, and was head coach of the Sooners of 1943, Big Six champs.

## Sooners Fielding Green Basketball Team in '44

Basketball has started at the university. Coach Bruce Drake has booked a 23-game schedule and despite the fact he returns but one letter man, Allie Paine, he hopes to develop his promising high school talent into a formidable club that will take its place alongside Iowa State and Kansas in the coming Big Six race.

Among the Sooner players now reporting are Paine, Richard Vaughan of Ardmore, Kenneth Pryor and Jack Landon of Oklahoma City Capitol Hill, Don Ladusau, Dean Ladusau and Don Buelow of Enid, Ed Lindenberg of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Harold Grossman of Boonville, Indiana, Grover Ramsey, former Oregon State freshman, Wendell Johnson of Enid, Olan Corley of Friendship, Homo Arnold of Arcata, California, Murray Hammock of Phoenix, Arizona, Walter Flanagan of Claremore, and Melvin Potts of Middleberg.

Remainder of the schedule for 1943-44:

Dec. 22 NAS Zoomers at North Base  
 Dec. 27, 28, 29, Oklahoma City tournament.  
 \*Jan. 8 Kansas State at Norman.  
 Jan. 12 Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

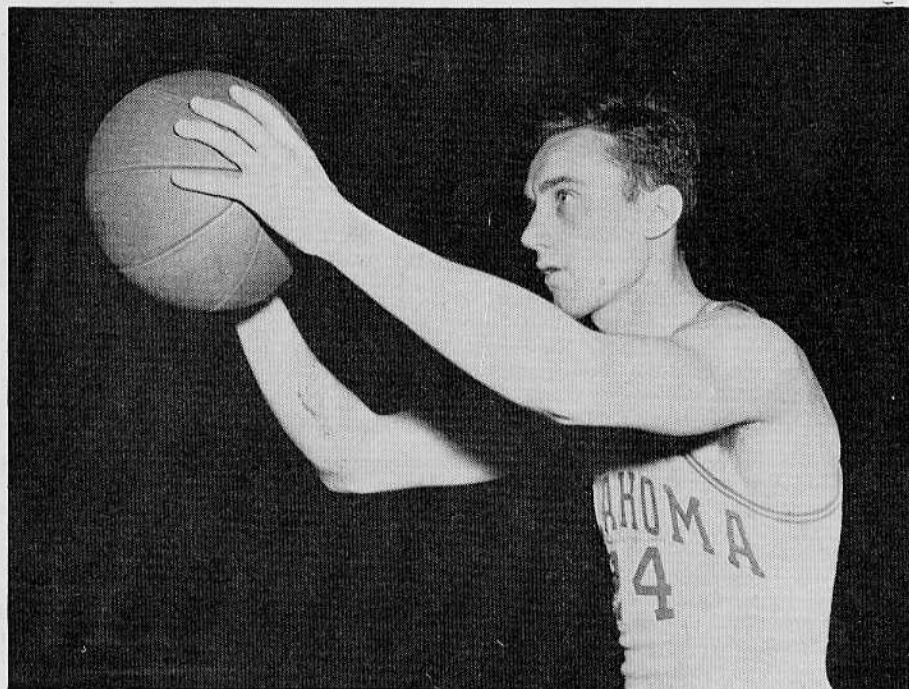
\*Jan. 15 Missouri at Oklahoma City.  
 \*Jan. 17 Nebraska at Norman.  
 \*Jan. 21 Kansas at Lawrence.  
 \*Jan. 22 Kansas State at Manhattan.  
 \*Jan. 29 Missouri at Columbia.  
 Feb. 2 NATTC Skyjackets at Norman.  
 \*Feb. 5 Iowa State at Norman.  
 \*Feb. 12 Kansas at Norman.  
 Feb. 19 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.  
 \*Feb. 26 Nebraska at Lincoln.  
 \*Feb. 28 Iowa State at Ames.  
 March 1 New York Univ. at New York City.  
 March 4 Westminster at Buffalo, New York.  
 \*Big Six conference game.

## Paine Leads Cagers To Opening Triumph

Kenneth Pryor's perfectly-thrown bounce pass to Jack Landon in the last two minutes of play gave the Sooner rookies a 54-51 triumph over the Childress, Texas Army Air Force Fliers in the opening basketball game of the season December 2 at Norman.

Pryor's great pass disclosed Landon standing all alone beneath the Childress goal. Landon leaped into the air like a bird to bank home the ball, breaking a 51-51 tie that saw the young Sooners courageously coming from behind a 20-33 deficit late in the first half. Both Pryor and Landon are freshmen as are most of the Sooner cagers this year.

Allie Paine, Sooner captain, was the  
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### ONLY RETURNING LETTERMAN

The University's basketball season opened early in December with a Sooner victory over Childress, Texas, Army Air Force Fliers. Star of the game was Coach Bruce Drake's only returning letterman, Allie Paine, who was backed by promising high school talent which has the makings of a formidable club.

# Freedom from Confusion

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later. Twenty years from now, he would be a free man, because he would not be a slave of a specialty. He would be truly independent; and he would truly be a good citizen, because he had learned to reason. He would have a minimum of textbook education and a maximum of exploration of original works. He would have learned to go to the source before forming his opinions.

Well, you say, this young man could afford such a program because he had enough money to pay for his education. I insist that if he had come to the University with but a single suit of clothing and a single dollar to his name, he could have afforded the same program, and would have been, at the end of twenty years, as financially successful. He would have learned how to be his own master, and as his own master, he would have been a real custodian of the welfare of our Republic. Cardinal Newman years ago made crystal clear the difference between the two types of education, both of which are perfectly acceptable if one precedes the other. When speaking of education, the cardinal said, liberal must be considered as the opposite of servile. Liberal education, thus, is not useful in itself, for it is concerned with the development of the mind, whereas servile education, which is useful, has an immediate end in itself.

The Romans knew that centuries ago; they as citizens of the Roman Republic practiced the liberal arts, that is, the arts of self-government, while their slaves practiced the servile arts, the techniques. It was only when the Romans no longer had a mind for freedom, wanting luxury more, that they surrendered the government of the Republic to the slaves, and so made the rule of Caesar, the rule of one man, inevitable. And that is the same danger we are courting in our own country today, because we are substituting for the liberal arts the servile, and we prize in our education the practical above reason.

We will escape from our educational confusion if the lay citizen and the professional educator begin working together intelligently and understandingly to reverse the process of recent years. We expect an infant to learn to walk before it learns to run. We must expect the youth of our country to have a foundation in the subjects which teach them the reason before we can expect them to handle the tools of society.

And many of the victims of our system of confused education are beginning to understand this, although frequently too late to correct the error. Perhaps one example in my own experience may epitomize the unrealized, grouping dreams of all of these frustrated youths of America. A young undergraduate friend of ours had pursued her entire University career in a strictly professional college, in which the liberal arts were almost entirely excluded. She enrolled in her final semester in a subject which some of her undergraduate friends had warmly recommended to her, despite discouragements by her advisers, she began to discover a new, undreamed of horizon. Then one day she came to our house, tears in her eyes, to confess that she planned to drop the course.

"But why?" I demanded. "You seemed to be enjoying it so. What's the trouble?"

"My professor is trying to teach us how to think. I haven't learned and now it's too late. I can't fail this course, for I have to graduate."

"Nonsense," I replied. "You must not end your university career on a note of failure. You're just beginning to discover what an education is. Write your essay. Forget about Emerson. Write instead of how the modern American scholar has failed to educate you."

She did. She passed the subject with flying colors. She received a degree with 117 hours of education for slavery and three precious hours of education for freedom. It is for boys and girls like her that I speak.

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game's star. Paine hit eight field goals and held J. D. "Sniper" Norton to one field goal the first half and Putnam scoreless the last half. The box score:

OKLAHOMA			
	FG	FT	PF
Vaughan, f	0	0	0
Landon, f	2	1	2
Don Ladusau, f	4	1	4
Buelow, f	0	3	2
Johnson, f	1	0	0
Lindenberg, f	0	0	0
Dean Ladusau, f	0	0	1
Grossman, c	0	0	1
Ramsey, c	3	3	2
Paine, g (c)	8	1	0
Pryor, g	2	5	1
Berry, g	0	0	0
Totals	20	14	13
CHILDRESS			
	FG	FT	PF
Purdin, f	0	0	1
Tutwiler, f	4	5	4
Norton, f	2	5	3
Bentley, c (c)	2	0	3
Day, g	0	0	0
Putnam, g	5	1	4
Elslager, g	5	0	3
Staples, g	2	0	2
Totals	20	11	20

Officials—Heilman (Illinois North Central) Mc-Bride (Oklahoma).

## Sooner Rally Barely Fails at Dallas

Although Paine again scored eight field baskets, Southern Methodist University's rangy basketballing Preachers successfully immersed the Sooners at Dallas December 11 although the fledgling Oklahomans rallied in the last half and nearly escaped from the baptismal tank. The score was 41-37.

Coach Drake's Sooners again played a sloppy first half once permitting a Methodist lead of 27-14 before roaring down the slippery rink of the new S. M. U. Fieldhouse with an exciting last half drive that once cut the Preacher lead to 36-34. The box score:

OKLAHOMA			
	FG	FT	PF
Pryor, f	1	1	2
Don Ladusau, f	1	0	3
Buelow, f	0	0	0
Vaughan, f	0	0	1
Lindenberg, f	0	0	0
Ramsey, c	4	0	2
Paine, g (c)	8	3	3
Landon, g	1	3	1
Totals	15	7	12
S. M. U.			
	FG	FT	PF
Hayden, f	3	0	4
Brown, f	2	1	0
Osborn, f	1	1	3
Keller, f	0	0	0
Pearson, f	0	0	0
Teal, c	5	1	3
Graner, c	1	1	0
Cannady, g (c)	6	0	2
Scott, g	0	1	1
Totals	18	5	13

Officials—Jack Cisco (Baylor) and Doc Hayes (North Texas).

## Lose Twice to Strong Norman Service Teams

Lt. Floyd McBride's all-victorious Naval Skyjackets from Norman's South Base, an aggregation of former college stars, defeated the Sooners 42 to 30 at Oak Hall, the new South Base auditorium, December 15. The box score:

OKLAHOMA			
	FG	FT	PF
Pryor, f	2	3	0
Ladusau, f	2	0	2
Johnson, f	1	0	0
Corley, f	0	0	0
Potts, f	0	0	0
Lindenberg, g	0	0	0
Berry, f	0	0	0
Arnold, f	0	0	0
Ramsey, c	2	0	2
Vaughan, c	2	1	2
Paine, g (c)	2	2	4
Landon, g	0	1	3
Buelow, g	0	1	1
Totals	11	8	12
NATTC SKYJACKETS			
	FG	FT	PF
Mitchell, f	4	0	4
Meyer, f	2	4	3
Fowler, f	0	0	1
Day, c	3	5	1
Costas, g (c)	1	0	0
Lance, g	3	2	2
Bryan, g	2	1	1
Totals	15	12	12

Officials—Herb Heilman (Illinois North Central) and Clarence Briethaupt (Washburn).

On December 18 the Sooners lost 29-51 to the all-victorious Norman Zoomers, the powerful North Base team at the Fieldhouse.

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## Writing Students Scattered

Students taking University professional writing courses under Walter S. Campbell and Foster Harris live in 33 states, three foreign countries, Hawaii, and several other South Pacific islands.

Last year free-lance correspondence students sold 700,000 words, setting a record, Mr. Campbell said. Others work on the staffs of newspapers and magazines, at radio stations, and as public relations officers with the armed forces.

## Pioneer Sooner Dies

D. L. Larsh, pioneer Norman businessman and former member of the University Board of Regents, died at his home in October after an illness of several months. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Larsh was one of a group of Norman men who raised \$10,000 to buy a 40-acre tract of land which they offered to the state as a site when the Legislature voted to establish a state University. He later served on the second Board of Regents.

Mr. Larsh settled in Oklahoma two years before the run in 1889, working as a Santa Fe telegrapher at Purcell. When the territory was opened, he moved north, building the first house in Norman.