

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

No university in the Nation is operating a livelier or a better-rounded athletic program behind the fighting front than is the University of Oklahoma. Added to Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle's recent announcement that the athletic department would actually show a profit this school year of approximately \$8,000, itself no mean feat in wartime, are the following more recent developments:

Drake's Cagers Drub Touted Iowa Staters

By defeating Iowa State 44 to 30 at Ames, Iowa, February 28, the youthful Sooner basketball team earned a tie for the Big Six championship, the fourth conference flag University teams coached by Bruce Drake have won in the last six years. The Sooners won nine of ten Big Six games.

The victory was the most decisive ever scored by Oklahoma in a title game on the road. Iowa State was all-victorious in conference play, had beaten the Sooners two points in an earlier game at Norman and hadn't lost a game on her home floor at Ames this year.

Captain Allie Paine, the Sooners' All-America guard who works nights in an Oklahoma City war plant, was the battle's outstanding figure. Don Buelow, Enid freshman, and Jack Landon, Oklahoma City freshman, were cutting and shooting brilliantly while Grover Ramsey's rebounding and Kenneth Pryor's floor play stood out.

Tracksters Win Twice At Texas Relay Meet

Coach John Jacobs' Sooner track team won two of the six relays at the 17th annual Texas Relays April 1 at Austin, Texas.

The Sooner two-mile quartet of Gene Pruet, Jack Osborn, Frank Thomas and Clarence Vicklund and the Sooner distance medley quartet of Bill Sylvester (440), Pruet (880), Thomas (1,320) and Vicklund (mile) defeated the best teams in the Southwest. Oklahoma trailed the Texas Aggies in both races until Vicklund, the Michigan V-12 trainee, brought them from behind with hot home stretch sprints.

Two State Meets Given University

The University has been awarded the State High School Track and Field Meet May 6, and also the State A.A.U. meet May 13. Both will be run at Owen Field.

Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle is making a survey of the state's high school base-

ball teams with the idea of staging an invitation tournament at Owen Field May 5 and 6.

Allie Paine On Two All-America Teams

Allie Paine, the University's senior basketball guard and expert floor captain of 1944, was selected on two All-America teams at the close of the recent season. Haskell Cohen, sports editor of *Pic* magazine, named Paine on his All-America five. Bill Schroeder, managing director of Helms Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, also selected the Sooner ace on his Helms' ten-man All-America.

Drake Wins Fight Against Goal-tending

Bruce Drake, Sooner basketball coach, won his fight to have goal-tending eliminated from basketball when the National Rules Committee attached a two-point penalty to the practice March 27 at New York City, thereby outlawing it.

Drake led a national campaign against the goal-tender, authorizing a *Saturday Evening Post* article exposing it, interesting the National Rules Committee in it and conducting a poll of the nation's top-flight college coaches, 95 per cent of whom voted against it.

Sooner Horsehidiers Divide Two Games

Ensign Bill Scheerer's hustling Sooner baseball team lost its opener 0-12 to the Norman Naval Air Technical Training Center Skyjackets, the league-bolstered outfit coached by Lt. Charley Gelbert, former Cardinal star, but defeated the Ardmore Air Force bombers one week later 10-7.

Line scores for each game:

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SOONERS	000	000	0—	0	2
NATTC	440	301	x—	12	15

Batteries: Scheble, Reese, Fry, King and Sweeting, Phillips, Hernandez; Burpo, Fredericks and Turk.

					R. H. E.
BOMBERS	101	121	010—	7	13
SOONERS	130	500	10x—	10	6

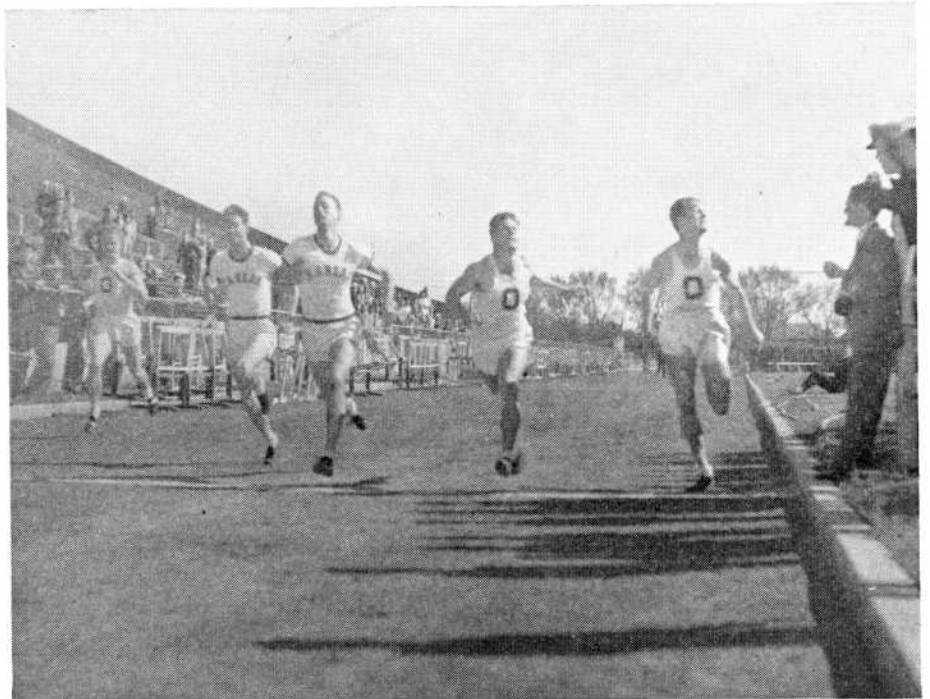
Batteries: Tellefson and Sutler; Scheble, Reese and Hernandez, Sweeting.

Victory Dance For Grid, Cage Champs

Hundreds of students attended the All-University dance April 7 honoring Oklahoma's Big Six championship football and basketball teams. The dance was sponsored by the athletic council and held in the Fieldhouse.

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster intro-

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O.U. RUNNER BREAKS THE TAPE

Charley Heard, (second from right) Sooner sprinter from Cleveland, Oklahoma, surges ahead to win the 100-yard dash in the Kansas-Oklahoma dual track and field meet at Owen Field April 15.

Clearing the Desk

WE HEAR quite a bit about the weather in Italy and in New Guinea from our various correspondents. None of the comments, as you could easily guess, is complimentary. Capt. Floyd A. Sooy, '38, writes that the weather in New Guinea has now been reduced to a very simple formula, however. The formula is: "If you can't see the mountains, it is raining; and if you can see the mountains, it is going to rain."

WITH NEARLY two thousand Sooners scattered around overseas and on the seas, it's a small-world stories are practically a dime a dozen (keep sending them in, though). One of the best is about Doak Stowe, Turner Armstrong, Bill Wilson and Jack Yocum, all members of the same fraternity chapter at O.U. Assigned to four different ships, they all ran into each other at a certain port in the New Hebrides on the same day.

ACCORDING TO the Army weekly publication *YANK*, Pvt. Bill Weldon, '38-'41, is the only G.I. in the ETO with a sure-enough legal permit to carry a gun. Weldon was a magician in a Special Service show on tour in England, with an act which called for a pistol to be fired at the psycho-

logical moment. He ran into the fact that British law prohibits carrying firearms on the stage without a license. After about six months of red tape, Weldon got the permit, and everything was strictly legal.

THERE'S A LOT of talk about government aid to service men wanting to go to college after the war. Some of you G.I.'s might like to know just what's provided for in the Thomas bill now pending in Congress. It's the bill that so far seems to have most support. It would make all honorably discharged men in service six months eligible for government aid for a training period of one year, with extension up to three additional years for those who do satisfactory work, and who have had longer periods of service. Persons eligible may choose any approved institution. There would be a subsistence allowance of \$50 a month, with additional sum for dependents. Compensation would be paid to institutions having no tuition fee. President Roosevelt and the Senate Committee on Education and Labor are supporting this bill, to promote morale in armed forces, ease problems of demobilization, and to overcome educational deficit caused by military service.

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duced his championship football squad. Coach Bruce Drake did likewise for his kid cage team. Sgt. Red Foster's Tinker Field dance band played.

Luster's New T Vogue Clicks in Football Drill

Oklahoma's new single wing T, which Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster will use this autumn as a "chaser" for his standard single wingback formation, is a wartime expediency that may go well with the light Sooner football material now available. The Sooners finished a five-weeks spring football drill April 13.

"Homer Sparkman, our best blocking back, weighs only 155 pounds, and in Charley Heard, Johnny West and Bobby Estep we have three speedy lightweight backs whom we will try to break into the open with speed and deception," Luster explained. "Besides we have lost Bob Brumley, our line-plunger of last year who was an excellent single wing fullback. Derald Lebow, his successor, is a fast-breaking buckler well suited to a T offense."

John Harley and Millard Cummings, Sooner spring practice tackles, are fast, rangy lads who brush block well, are difficult to reach over, and are tall enough to screen fast-developing plays from the de-

fensive line. Their style of play was among factors considered in adoption of the new formation as a correlation for Oklahoma's Warner style.

"We're not changing horses," emphasizes Luster. "We'd be silly to abandon something that has been successful."

Last year Oklahoma rode to the Big Six championship upon the vehicle of its Minnesota version of single wingback, with a highly effective dash of the tricky A formation thrown in. And don't discount that A. It brought four of the five Oklahoma touchdowns against the three toughest opponents, Texas, Tulsa, and Missouri.

"Our single wing and our single wing T are closely related," Luster points out. "Both operate off a balanced line. Since our T lines up with the backfield overshifted, all we have to do when we change from single wing to T is put our blocking back up behind center. And yet we maintain the T formation principle. When the ball is snapped, our wingback is approximately where the T wingback ends up after he starts in motion."

Always an exponent of hard, deceptive running as well as of forward passing, the Oklahoma coach believes the new Sooner version of the T will put strong pressure on the defensive guards and tackles, as well as prevent the defensive line from oversliding.

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