

# Sooner Sports

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PLUCKING the Kansas Jayhawkers clean as a restaurant fowl, the Sooner baseball team won its only intercollegiate triumph of the season at Lawrence, Kansas, June 10. The score was 11 to 2.

The triumph ended Oklahoma's 1944 season at seven wins, eight losses, with nearly all the games played against strong service clubs.

Bob Reese, Oklahoma's left-handed pitcher, a Navy V-12 student from Wichita, Kansas, was the game's hero, holding Kansas to one hit, retiring 24 consecutive Kansas hitters from the first through the eighth innings, walking none, hitting no batsmen, handling five chances flawlessly and slashing three hits, one a home run.

Reese had to be good. When Jess Sweeting, Oklahoma's regular catcher, was late catching the train to Lawrence and without a ticket, was unable to talk his way onto the train, Gus Hernandez, sub catcher, had to go the full route behind the bat with a split index finger on his throwing hand, and couldn't throw to the bases.

Equal to the crisis, Reese tightened his belt and kept the Jays off the bases by the simple expedient of retiring them in order for eight consecutive frames after Woolcott's opening single. He would have retired 27 in a row if Bob Clark, Sooner left-fielder, hadn't muffed a fly in the ninth. Only 29 batsmen faced Reese. Both Kansas hitters seeing first scored.

Tom "Satchel" Saffel, Kansas pitcher, fanned the incredible total of 19 Sooner batsmen yet underwent the novel experience of losing by nine runs as the patient Oklahomans waited him out for five walks and maced ten hits. Six Kansas errors hurt his work which otherwise was topnotch in every respect.

After the game, the Kansas players, most of them members of the Jawhawker Navy V-12 unit, entertained the Oklahoma team, getting them dates and playing host to them Saturday night.

## Sooner Footballers Meet Five Bowl Opponents

Five teams on Oklahoma's attractive 1944 football slate have lately played in bowls.

Coach Leo "Dutch" Meyer's Texas Christian University Horned Frogs, whom Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's Sooners meet October 28 at Taft Stadium in Oklahoma City, have been in four bowl games, defeating Louisiana State 3-2 in the Sugar Bowl battle of 1936, Marquette 16-6 in the 1937 Cotton Bowl, Carnegie Tech

15-7 in the 1939 Sugar Bowl and losing to Georgia by the basketball score of 26-40 in the 1942 Orange Bowl clash.

Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggies, who open with the Sooners October 7 at Oklahoma City, have also played in four bowls, beating Tulane 14-13 in the 1940 Sugar Bowl, Fordham 13-12 in the 1941 Cotton Bowl, losing to Alabama 21-29 in the 1942 Cotton Bowl, and losing to Louisiana State 14-19 in the 1944 Orange Bowl.

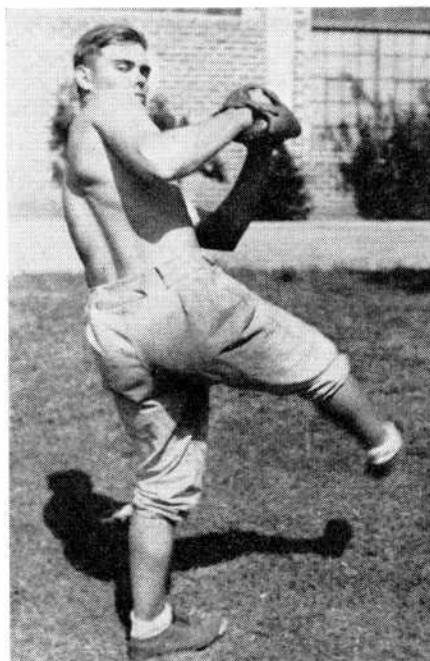
Coach Dana X. Bible's Texas Longhorns, the Sooner opponents in the traditional Dallas game October 14, have played in two Cotton Bowls, licking Georgia Tech 14-7 in 1943, and tying Randolph Field 7-7 in 1944.

Missouri lost 7-21 to Georgia Tech in the 1940 Orange Bowl conflict, and to Fordham 0-2 in the 1942 Sugar Bowl contest.

Nebraska's Cornhuskers lost to Stanford in the thrilling Rose Bowl game of 1941, 13-21.

The revised Oklahoma football schedule for 1944:

- Oct. 7 Texas Aggies at Oklahoma City.
- Oct. 14 Texas at Dallas.
- Oct. 21 Kansas State at Norman.
- Oct. 28 Texas Christian at Oklahoma City.
- Nov. 4 Iowa State at Ames.
- Nov. 11 Missouri at Norman (Homecoming).
- Nov. 18 Kansas at Lawrence.
- Nov. 25 Oklahoma Aggies at Oklahoma City.
- Dec. 2 Nebraska at Oklahoma City.



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