

Sooner Sports

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THE 1944 RECORD

Oklahoma 14, Norman NAS 28
Oklahoma 21, Texas Aggies 14
Oklahoma 0, Texas 20
Oklahoma 68, Kansas State 0
Oklahoma 31, Texas Christian 19
Oklahoma 12, Iowa State 7

THREE CONSECUTIVE victories have been posted by the Sooner football team since the last issue of the magazine.

Rallying after the disastrous Texas defeat, the Oklahomans used every man on their bench while upending Kansas State's weak all-civilian aggregation 68-0 at Norman October 21.

Basil Sharp, freshman fullback from Pawnee who, standing 6 feet 2 inches and weighing 190 pounds, reminds one of Phil White, Oklahoma's big back of 1920, started with the Sooner regulars in this game and quickly won a home for himself. Sharp ripped off a 51-yard touchdown run and averaged 16 yards per carry as he lugged the ball all over the place.

Johnny West, another Sooner back, set something of a record in this game when he intercepted and ran back a Kansas State pass 82 yards to a touchdown. It was the longest interception runback since Eddie Johnson returned an Oklahoma Aggie pass 94 yards to score at Norman back in 1922.

Undefeated Texas Christian gave the Sooners a battle for three quarters, until Joe Kucera, their fine tailback, was hurt. Then Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's men struck twice for touchdowns off pass interceptions by Center Bob Mayfield and Guard Elvin Jackson to win in the fourth quarter.

Oklahoma started out strongly, leading 14-0 midway of the second quarter. Merle Dinkins, Oklahoma left end, blocked a Frog punt so solidly it rebounded behind the goal where Dinkins recovered it for a touchdown. Later W. C. "Dub" Wooten, Sooner end, partially blocked another Frog punt and the Sooners quickly marched to a second counter.

Coach Leo "Dutch" Meyer's Frogs rallied dangerously in the third quarter to score 19 points, Kucera twice pitching to End Merle Gibson for touchdowns and himself running 32 yards to a third off a bootleg play. Oklahoma was leading only 21-19 when she got busy in the fourth quarter and ran out the game, Derald Lebow scoring on a buck and Bobby Estep off a 28-yard reverse to the weakside.

Continuing their tactics of getting the jump on every foe they have met this season (the Sooners marched to Texas's



COVERS THE GROUND

Ace of the long-winded crosscountry team is all-victorious Clarence Vicklund of Iron Mountain, Michigan.

half-foot line early in the first quarter of that game), Oklahoma drove 25 and 65 yards to touchdowns to lead unbeaten Iowa State 12 to 0. Then Gene Phelps, Cyclone quarter, ran 69 yards to a touchdown off the Oklahoma second eleven and Luster had to rush the first team back into the fray.

The final score was 12-7 but it didn't tell of a thrilling goal line stand Oklahoma had to make to insure the victory.

Vicklund Still Undefeated After Five Hard-Run Meets

Clarence Vicklund, Sooner crosscountry ace, remained all-victorious this fall after the first five dual meets.

Vicklund won first against the Purcell Gunners at two and five miles, defeated the Texas Aggies' best runners in a home-and-home two mile series at Oklahoma City and College Station and at Ames, Iowa, November 4 defeated Bill Arlen, Cyclone ace, by a foot after a great race over the hills of the Ames golf course, a run of three miles 317 yards.

The Sooners won both meets decisively from the Navy Gunners, but bowed by the close score of 30-25 to both the Texas Aggies and Iowa State. Eldon Ferguson, Tulsa freshman, and Ivan Evans, Putnam City freshman, were lost to the team in mid-season when they received calls to the Army Air Force reserve.

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