

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

ONE eligibility code for every major college in the land after the war and creation of a national college athletic committee to write and enforce it is the suggestion of Dale Arbuckle, University of Oklahoma athletic director.

Arbuckle would have one representative from every major collegiate conference in the country on the committee.

"All the nation's major conferences should have identical eligibility rules, especially as regards the number of hours an athlete must pass the previous semester to be eligible, as well as the number of semesters in residence necessary to establish eligibility," believes Arbuckle.

The Sooner director says the committee also will be needed to handle the vexing problem of whether returning service athletes should enrol at the college they attended before they entered the armed forces, or the college they attended as a trainee, or at some entirely new school.

"It is my personal opinion that the boys should attend the college that can give them the best education in their major scholastic field," Arbuckle said, "but the G.I. Bill of Rights gives the choice of schools and unless there is a regulation by a national committee, they are going to be rushed to schools all over the country."

Arbuckle believes that servicemen sent back to school by the G.I. Bill of Rights should immediately become eligible for athletics.

"The quicker they can get back into normal college life, the better it will be for them. Besides, it isn't their fault they haven't been eligible sooner," he said.

The war has evened up collegiate sports, Arbuckle believes, and offers as evidence the fact that five Big Six schools are still in the championship basketball running.

"This has made for better interest and better attendance in wartime sports," the Sooner director declared. "It's what we need in peacetime and the national collegiate committee can make it possible."

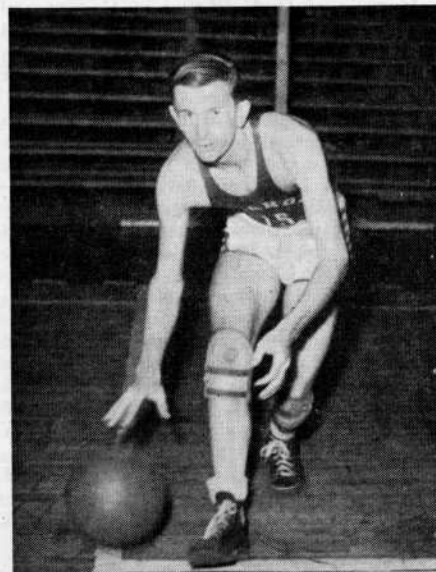
Arbuckle praised the Big Six Conference policy of not completely letting down the bars on eligibility and scholarship requirements. He said it proved that schools could maintain decent eligibility standards and still make money in wartime.

BASKETBALL. At this writing Oklahoma's Roundball Runts were leading the Big Six conference basketball race with five wins and one defeat. Kansas was second with four wins, two defeats (Nebraska upset Kansas at Lincoln February 10 by the surprising score of 59-45) and Iowa State third at three-two.

However Coach Bruce Drake's little team has a hard row to hoe in the future. They meet Kansas at Lawrence February 13, Iowa State at Ames February 17, Oklahoma A. and M. at Stillwater February 22, Iowa State at Oklahoma City February 24, Long Island University at Madison Square Garden in New York City February 28, LaSalle at Philadelphia March 3 and close their season with Missouri at Columbia March 5.

Recent Sooner cage scores:
Oklahoma 44, Kansas 43 (overtime).
Oklahoma 39, Phillips U. 32.
Oklahoma 43, Missouri 27.
Oklahoma 31, Oklahoma Aggies 45.
Oklahoma 32, Norman Navy Zoomers 45.
Oklahoma 49, Kansas State 36.

INDOOR TRACK. Kansas defeated Coach John Jacobs' Sooner thinclads 62-41 in a dual indoor



HE CAME THROUGH

Don Buelow, frail Oklahoma forward, who shot two clutch goals in the second overtime period to defeat Nebraska and help keep the Sooners in the Big Six competition.

meet at Lawrence, Kansas, February 10. Oklahoma firsts, all scored in the races, were won by Laddie Harp, Fairview freshman, in the 60 yards dash (6.6 seconds), Homer Sparkman in the 880 yards run (2:13), Clarence Vicklund in the mile and two-mile (4:51 and 10:42) and the Sooner mile relay four of Joe Richardson, Bill Sylvester, Jack Coe and Dave Day.

On February 17 the Oklahoma track team meets Nebraska at Norman in a dual indoor meet and on March 3 goes to the Big Six Indoor meet at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.

► Herb Allphin, physical education instructor and swimming coach on leave, has been assigned to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, as assistant field director of the military welfare service of the American Red Cross. He also serves as secretary of the Eastern Oklahoma Camp and Hospital Council.

► An article by Gustav Mueller, chairman of the department of philosophy, appeared in the January issue of *The Journal of the History of Ideas* published in New York City. Title of Dr. Mueller's article is "Pascal's Dialectical Philosophy and His Discovery of Liberalism."

► An article entitled "The Function of the States Today—A Tentative Blueprint for Federalism in Twentieth Century America," by Maurice Merrill, professor of law, appeared in the January issue of the *Iowa Law Review*. Part of a symposium on Federal Legislation Relating to Education, it deals with the much broader subject of the powers and the responsibilities of the states and their governments in the present day, and points out that, despite the centralization in government and in economic life, there remain deeply important tasks for the states to perform.

► Pierre Delattre, professor of French, has been selected chairman of the phonetics section of the Modern Language Association of America for the year 1945. Mr. Delattre is recognized as one of the six most important students of French phonetics on this continent.

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