

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

In a suddenly-scheduled football game booked only four days before it was played, the University of Oklahoma's new team defeated the Hondo, Texas, Army Air Field Fliers, 21 to 6, at Norman September 22.

Sparkling T formation play and emergence of a second team that looked almost as good as the Sooner starters were high points of the contest for Sooner fandom.

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's new T attack brought 218 of the 252 net yards Oklahoma gained, including two long Oklahoma touchdown runs. Oklahoma used 25 T formation running plays and 20 single wingback running plays, but the cutting T offense average 8.7 yards per play while the single wing gained only 1.7 yards per carry.

In the first five minutes, Wingback Bill Irvin, first player the university has had in years from Bartlesville (last year he quarterbacked the university's all-victorious junior varsity T formation attack) raced 63 yards to a touchdown off a weak-side T play.

The play seemed ideally built for Hondo's five-four defense. Tackle Tommy Tallchief nudged the Hondo tackle over on the end. Center Bob Bodenhamer erased the Hondo middle man. Guard Don Tillman threw the key block, upending the Hondo linebacker. All Irvin had to do was accept Cliff Stone's hand pass, lay his ears back and run. The Hondo safety had been decoyed to the strongside. Bodenhamer kicked goal.

Hondo gained the tornadic south wind in the second quarter and capitalizing on an intercepted pass, pushed Fullback George Boner, 200-pounder who formerly played at Bucknell University, across the Sooner goal. However Ivan Cunningham, Hondo tailback who formerly played at Southern Methodist, missed the try for point. The Oklahoma second team played all during the second quarter.

The Sooner first team came back on the field in the third quarter and playing against the wind, held Hondo scoreless although the Comets might have scored had not Lt. Bob Coe, their coach (who formerly assisted Stagg at College of Pacific) come out on the field to protest what he regarded as rough play by the Sooners. Hondo was penalized 15 yards right when it hurt.

With Oklahoma leading only 7-6, Luster sent the fresh Sooner seconds back on the gridiron for the fourth quarter. They did their work well against the tired fliers.

Johnny Steward, 160-pound scatback and naval trainee from Los Angeles, ran 45 yards to a touchdown on another fast-breaking T play, cutting away from the beefy Hondo backs in the secondary. Bodenhamer kicked goal. The Sooner third team advanced to the Hondo three and Jack Venable, navy trainee fullback from Little Rock, Arkansas, bucked the ball over for the final Sooner touchdown. Again Bodenhamer, the freshman from Waurika High School, unerringly did his stuff.

While tying Ellington Field 7-7 the week before, Hondo had rolled up 189 net yards to minus eleven for Ellington. On the same day the Sooners scooted past Hondo for the 21-6 victory, Ellington fell before Texas Aggies 54-0. So the Sooner triumph over Hondo wasn't a signal one, and the Oklahoma-Texas Aggie game at Norman October 6 will be a hard one to win for Oklahoma.

Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle and Luster scheduled the Hondo game to get a look at their many new players before Oklahoma meets Nebraska September 29 in the college opener at Lincoln. The game served its purpose, 41 Sooners playing against Hondo.

The first downs were 7-6, Oklahoma, but the net running yardage was Oklahoma 252, Hondo 46.

Omer "Preach" Burgert, 180-pound Sooner wing from Enid enrolled in the navy medical school at

Oklahoma City, was Oklahoma's outstanding player, coming in hard from left end to wreck a dozen Hondo plays and cause Cunningham to lose 41 yards.

Sooner shorts . . . John Harley, Jr., Oklahoma's all-Big Six tackle from Tulsa, is lost for the season because of a knee injury that was operated on at the navy hospital. . . Basil Sharp, Bob Brindley, Everett Harvell and Elmer Friday, all first-stringers, all missed the Hondo game because of injuries and ineligibility. . . Clifford Stone, the Sooners' starting blocking back against Hondo, played football at Antlers High School 1934-37, and at Durant Teachers College 1938-39, then was with the 45th Division through the Sicilian-Salerno-Arno-Rome-Southern France-Rhineland and Central Germany battles. . . Stone had 511 days of actual combat, wasn't wounded, received his discharge in June and enrolled at Oklahoma to study petroleum engineering . . . he is married and has a 21-month-old son.

Three state radio stations will carry all nine of the University of Oklahoma's college football games this autumn, Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle has announced.

Sponsored by the Bell Clothing Company of Oklahoma City, KOMA of Oklahoma City and KTUL of Tulsa will broadcast all nine games, Curt Gowdy at the mike. WNAD of Norman, the university station, will relay Gowdy's broadcast of all road games but will originate all six Norman games through Sports-caster Paul Hunt, including Saturday's opener with the Hondo, Tex., Army Air Field Comets here.

Walter Kraft, president of the Sooner athletic council, emphasized Wednesday that no radio station has an exclusive right to broadcast the Sooner football schedule this autumn.

"All stations broadcasting our games this fall pay all their own expenses. The university athletic department furnishes only a broadcasting booth," Kraft explained.

"Any station carrying all nine of our 1945 college games may have them for \$100 per game," Kraft went on. "Any station wanting one game only must pay \$1,000, two games only \$500 per game, three games only \$400 per game and for four or more games \$300 per game. This is the policy recently adopted by the university athletic council."



Pittsburg County Alumni

D. D. Kirkland, '33m.ed, superintendent of McAlester schools, was elected president of the Pittsburg County Alumni Association of the University at an organization meeting September 17.

Other officers named were J. E. Jinks, '42ma, superintendent of Quinton schools, vice president; and Miss Mary Jane Bender, '44bs, McAlester, secretary-treasurer. Seven board of directors will be elected at the next meeting.

Dr. George L. Cross, University president, and Ted Beard, executive secretary and manager of the University association, attended the meeting to assist with the organization.

Dr. Cross stressed the contributions made by research and science at the University and told of future University expansion and building plans.

Plans were outlined by Mr. Beard for the organization of the county alumni association. A recording was made of a short interview given by alumni and was broadcast over the University station, WNAD.

Those in attendance were Walter J. Arnote, '28law, Mabel Aston, '42ma, Lotta Bettes, '30bs, (Continued on page 16)

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tional money, which happened this year when the Legislature came through generously, the money does not go all the way round. No matter how equitably and reasonably the University attempts to distribute such extra funds, trouble ensues.

This is one type of trouble that originates within the University. The playing of politics within departments, jealousies and bickering, and an occasional moral transgression are other things that cause people over the state to wonder what is wrong at the University.

Recent incidents caused the *Tulsa World*, for example, to publish an uncomplimentary editorial that may set the University back several years in its efforts to hold leadership in northeastern Oklahoma, in competition with Oklahoma A. and M. college and the Universities of Kansas and Missouri. The editorial referred to "bad conditions" on the campus, and stated that "the fact of fighting, the damage and costliness and disgrace of the continuing conditions are what worry our people a great deal."

No one could say, of course, that all faculty members or even a majority are squabbling with each other or with the University administration, but it is easy to see that far too much turmoil, unrest and dissension exist on the campus.

Whether the University administration did the best possible job of allocating increased appropriations, we cannot say. No two individuals or groups of officials, charged with the task of distributing merit increases in pay among several hundred persons, would do it the same way. But even if mistakes were made, they should not be seized upon as a vehicle for stirring up more trouble on the campus.

Friends of the University would like to see the faculty get together now in a good old-fashioned revival of good will, harmony, and pulling together for the good of both the faculty and the school and the state as a whole. May it start soon and spread quickly to every corner and nook of the campus.

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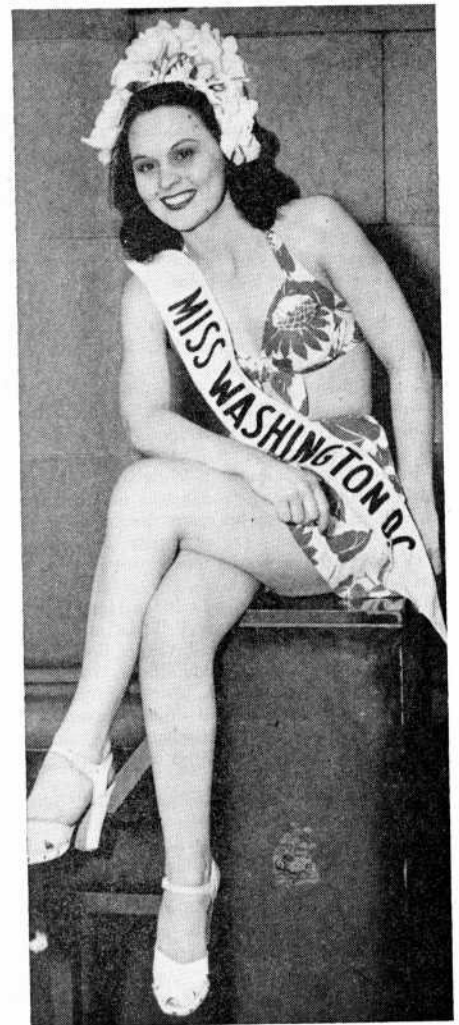
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Wilburn Cartwright, '20law, Nellie Page Withers Cobb, '27, Eva Mae Setliff Ernhart, '29ba, Thelma Mills Fisher, '33fa, Winnie Lewis Gravitt, '17ba, Lucille Whitenack Hinshaw, '19ba, '20ma, J. Raymond Hinshaw, '19bs, '21med, Lois Cobb Holbrook, '35ba.

Adrienne Hitchcock Howard, '45bs, Gertrude Coppedge Hughes, Hiram Johnson, '15ba, Marcharelle B. Jordan, '44bs, Myrtle Shattuck Lewter, Jack Evans Linthicum, '45m.ed, Glenn Edward Loafmann, '39ed, Hazel Irene Lorince, '41m.ed, Don B. King, '42, Katie Marlow, Dora Faye Nelson, Patricia Hodges Nix, '41law, Clara P. Palmer, '26llb, Pauline Palmer, '40bs.

Ruth Oman Jones, '34ba, Lois E. Anderson Puryear, '41m.ed, Rebecca Tinch Ramay, '44ba, Roberta Brown Redding, '41m.ed, Jessie Mae Smallwood, '29ba, Mima Magoffin Smethers, '43ba, A. Leon Stewart, Clyde Stovall, Bert S. Toa, '30ba,

Jessie Ida Torrence, '42m.ed, Eleanor Veith, '41m.ed, Kathaleen Veith, '41ma, Ruth Lahoma Whitaker, '41m.ed, Roy A. Spears, '14ba.



Miss Washington of 1945

Dorothy Powell, '41-'42, formerly of Wetumka, was named "Miss Washington of 1945" in the preliminary contests leading up to the "Miss America" contest last month, and placed sixth in the finals at Atlantic City.

A brunette beauty with Cherokee Indian blood, Miss Powell has been working as a model in Washington. After the contest she received an offer from a New York musical agency with the prospect of being placed in a play or musical show. Before going to Washington two years ago she was a Lily Dache hat model in New York.

Miss Powell makes her home in Washington with her sister, Mrs. Alyne Hines, former secretary in the Alumni Association offices.

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