

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

Big news of the month was the surprising announcement that Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Oklahoma football coach for the past five years, would retire after the present season because of ill health.

"Mr. Luster has done a fine job. Twice before he has tried to retire, in 1943, after he had won his first Big Six championship, and again last year after he won his second conference title. Each time he was dissuaded. We will certainly take plenty of time before engaging a new coach," said President George Cross, who announced Luster's decision.

President Cross said Luster would become a member of the expanded intramural department but that Bennie Owen, intramural director, would continue to be its head.

"It is due to current rumor and gossip that I have decided to put an end to conjecture and make my position clear at this time." Luster said, "I guess I've got football 'battle fatigue.' I've been coaching 24 years now. I tried to retire twice because coaching impaired my health but at the insistence of President Brandt and later President Cross, I stayed on."

The retiring Sooner coach, who played at Chickasha high school, captained the undefeated Oklahoma team of 1920 that won the Missouri Valley conference championship, served as line coach here from 1929 through 1931, and as backfield coach here from 1937 through 1939, praised the cooperation of the Sooner staff, the campus navy unit, the

ATTENTION

In 1941 the Big Six Conference passed a rule stating that all lettermen in the Big Six be given life-time passes in the sports in which they lettered. Mr. Haskell, the Oklahoma athletic director, promptly wrote to all Sooner lettermen whose addresses were known and who had acquired tickets to athletic contests in the past to the effect their letter cards were good only in the sports in which they lettered. This is a Big Six rule and must be obeyed by all member schools. We are always glad to see former students and athletes and we invite them to visit the athletic office any time.

Dale Arbuckle,
Athletic Director.

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wait until I am discharged from the Navy to return to school. And you can rest assured it will be O. U.; no other place will do! (To be quite frank, I've fallen completely in love with the place.)

My only wish is that when I return I may meet you personally and once again tell you how much I appreciate your kindness. It's an awfully nice feeling to know that those of you at O. U. haven't forgotten us.

Sincerely,
Henry L. Munde ('42-'44)
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It seems that Bill Christian, '40-'42, Broken Bow, is suffering the same humiliation that Sooners throughout the world are experiencing wherever a Texas Aggie appears in the now stilled war theaters. Even last week from Saipan the Range Rider's former adjutant, four hours after a B-29 crash from his hospital bed on the "Rock" sent in this curt note, "Yea, Texas Aggies—where were those Sooners when the pignskin moved."

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press, President Cross and above all "the fine attitude and loyalty of the boys who played for me."

Luster has been Oklahoma's most successful coach in Big Six play. To date, his Oklahoma teams have won 18, lost 4, tied 3 Big Six games for the high percentage of .818. They have three more games to go, meeting Iowa State at Norman November 10 (Homecoming), Missouri at Columbia November 17 and Oklahoma A. and M. at Norman November 24.

Scores of Oklahoma's games so far this season are:

Oklahoma 21, Hondo Fliers 6.
Oklahoma 20, Nebraska 0.
Oklahoma 14, Texas Aggies 19.
Oklahoma 7, Texas 12.
Oklahoma 39, Kansas 7.
Oklahoma 41, Kansas State 13.
Oklahoma 7, Texas Christian 13.

Only in the Texas Christian game was Oklahoma outplayed. The Sooners contended very evenly with Homer Norton's Texas Aggies and deserved to lead Dana Bible's Texas Steers two touchdowns going into the fourth quarter had it not been for fatal Sooner mistakes, a back falling down in the end zone while covering a Texas touchdown pass, an Oklahoma pass thrown on second down from the Texas three-yard mark being intercepted for a touchback by Byron Gillory, Texas back.

BASKETBALL

Oklahoma will meet Coach Adolph Rupp's strong University of Kentucky basketball team in Louisville December 19 and Coach Nat Holman's City College of New York five in Madison Square Garden December 21, Athletic Director Dale Ar-

buckle announced in releasing the Sooners' 20-game 1945 basketball schedule.

Coach Bruce Drake's Sooners will also play in the Oklahoma City Tournament December 26, 27 and 28 and engage in December non-conference battles Southern Methodist and Bradley Tech, Arbuckle said.

The two battles with Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies, national collegiate champs, have been set for March 6 at Stillwater and March 13 at Norman, closing Oklahoma's season.

The Oklahoma schedule:

Dec. 7 Southern Methodist here.
Dec. 10 Will Rogers Field here.
Dec. 15 Bradley Tech at Peoria.
Dec. 19 CCNY at Madison Square Garden
Dec. 21 Kentucky at Louisville.
Dec. 26-27-28 Oklahoma City All-College tournament

*Jan. 7 Nebraska at Norman.
*Jan. 12 Kansas State at Norman
*Jan. 18 Kansas at Lawrence.
*Jan. 26 Missouri at Columbia.
*Feb. 2 Iowa State at Norman.
*Feb. 11 Nebraska at Lincoln.
*Feb. 12 Kansas State at Manhattan.
*Feb. 23 Iowa State at Ames.
*Feb. 28 Kansas at Norman.
*Mar. 2 Missouri at Norman.
Mar. 6 Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
Mar. 13 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.

*Big Six Conference games.

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