

# Sooner Sports

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Dots and dashes on Sooner sports . . . Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner basketball team lost the University's sixth and seventh consecutive games to Hank Iba's national collegiate championship Oklahoma Aggies, 47-41 at Stillwater and 50-34 at Norman, but with a gasp of relief bade an old enemy goodbye.

He was Bob "Foothills" Kurland, the Aggies' seven-foot All-American senior center. The gigantic redhead scored 30 points against Oklahoma at Norman, breaking the modern individual scoring record for individuals in an Aggie-Sooner game. Drake's Sooners of 1943, with Gerald Tucker and Allie Paine meshing clutch goals, beat Kurland and the Aggies 35-31 but since then the tall lad has led the Farmers to seven wins in a row.

Paul Courty and Jack Landon of the Oklahoma team made several all-Big Six teams while ex-marine Dick Reich came on fast in late season to strengthen the club . . . Drake flew to Denver to see two days of the National A.A.U. tournament, then on to New York for the annual sessions of the National Collegiate Basketball Coaches' Association.

Coach Jack Baer's Sooner baseball team left March 20 for sunny Texas and a six-game invasion of Southwest Conference schools . . . The Sooner horsehidiers were to engage T.C.U. at Fort Worth, Texas at Austin and Baylor at Waco two games each . . . Oklahoma plays 24 baseball games this season . . . Veterans back include Dale Mitchell, Don Smith, Elwood Riley, C. B. Deal, Bob Cairns, Joe Enos and Jack Chyz.

Here is the Sooner baseball slate for this coming month: April 6 at Weatherford Tech; April 9 Weatherford Tech at Norman; April 12, 13 Iowa State at Norman; April 17, 18 at Kansas State; April 19, 20 at Nebraska; April 22, 23 at Kansas; April 25 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman; April 26 at Oklahoma Aggies; April 27 at Weatherford Tech; April 29, at Oklahoma Aggies; May 1 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.

Coach John Jacobs' Sooner track team finished a surprise second to Iowa State in the Big Six indoor meet at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium March 2 followed by Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State . . . Laddie Harp, Fairview sophomore, won the 60 yards dash in 6.4s, Jon Sharp, Joplin, Missouri junior, won the 60 yards low hurdles in 7s and the 60 yards highs in 7.6 (ties Big Six record) and anchoring the Sooner relay to second place was high point scorer of the meet, John Canaris, Eagle Lake, Texas freshman, who won the two-mile in 9m.58.1s. Plato Andros was third in the shot despite a maimed hand, Bill Weaver and Dick Canvar tied for third in the high jump at 6 feet each, Fred Eaves jr., Austin, Texas freshman, was third in the pole vault at 12ft. 6in., using a pole exactly that height . . . "All I gotta do is find him a 16-foot pole and he'll break Warmerdam's world's record," quipped Coach Jacobs, but vaulting poles are now scarcer than nyons and Eaves is temporarily grounded.

Athletic Director L. E. "Jap" Haskell has booked schedules for the Sooner golf and tennis teams . . . Bruce Drake will handle the golfers but a tennis mentor has to be named since Dr. Leslie Hewes transferred to the University of Nebraska faculty.

Spring football practice is in its fourth week as this is written . . . Coach Jim Tatum's staff now includes Walter Driskill (Wyoming), Charles "Bud" Wilkinson (Minnesota), George Radman (North Carolina), Dick Todd (Texas Aggies) and William "Dutch" Fehring (Purdue) . . . Todd will help only through spring practice then play with the Washington Redskins this fall . . . Frank Crider, Sooner freshman coach in 1941 and 1942, was re-appointed to the Sooner staff by Tatum

but resigned and later accepted a position at We-woka High School.

The Sooner spring drills seem to prove that several of the pre-war players can come back . . . Joe "Junior" Golding, Dave Wallace, Don Fauble, Leroy "Train Whistle" Neher, Plato Andros, Max Fischer, William "Bud" O'Dea, Wendell Sullivan, Clyde "Butch" Chancellor, John Osmond, Albert Downs, George Kerbo, Tommy Tallchief, Otis McCrary and Boyd Bibb of former Sooner varsity and freshman squads are among those reporting daily.

## George Radman, Dick Todd Added To Coaching Staff

George Radman, former North Carolina University back, and Dick Todd, former Texas Aggie back now playing with the Washington Redskins professional club, joined the O. U. spring football staff early in March.

Mr. Radman, a permanent choice, is the fourth and last Sooner varsity assistant to be named by Coach Jim Tatum. Mr. Todd, who has signed to play with the Washington Redskins again this fall, will help at Norman during spring practice only, Mr. Tatum explained.

Their arrival gave Mr. Tatum a total of four assistants in shepherding the overwhelming turnout of 140 players that greeted the new staff Monday. Others are Charles "Bud" Wilkinson and Walter Driskill.

Mr. Radman, 31 years old and married, was a lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy, serving nearly four years at Norfolk, Rice Institute and Sampson. He graduated from North Carolina in 1941 and had virtually completed a masters degree there when war came and he enlisted. While working on his masters degree, Mr. Radman helped Mr. Tatum, then the North Carolina freshman coach, tutor the Tarheel frosh.

Mr. Todd played tailback for Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggie powerhouses of 1936-'37-'38, then played four years with the Washington Redskins, enlisting in the Navy and playing with Don Faurot's nationally-famous Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks in 1943, the outfit whose line Mr. Tatum coached. Mr. Wilkinson coached the Seahawk centers and quarterbacks.

## Sooner Grid Tickets in Demand

A combination of three new football coaches and a top-flight opening game with Army at West Point is bringing in hundreds of requests for season tickets to the Sooner's 1946 grid games, according to Bill Cross, University athletics business manager.



At the Chamber of Commerce dinner honoring Coach Jim Tatum were: reading from left to right, back row, Harold Cooksey, Fred Jackson, Jim Downing and John Wisdom; front row, Hal Muldrow, Jap Haskell, Jim Tatum and Ed "Fats" Morton.

Mr. Cross estimates he already has received almost 1,000 requests for Sooner season books, an unprecedented advanced sale.

"We haven't even set the price of season tickets yet," laughs Mr. Cross. "We've been writing everybody please not to send checks at this time."

Fans who wish to retain the same locations they had last year for season books should order them by March 1, however, Mr. Cross said.

## Camera Club at O.U.

A camera club is being formed on the University campus, sponsored by Truman A. Pouncey, assistant professor of journalism, who recently returned from military service.

Prominent photographers will be invited to visit the meetings once the club is organized, to make demonstrations of their techniques.

The invitation to join the club has been offered to all students.

## Sophomore Named to West Point

John M. Hoffman, Maud, a sophomore in the University College of Engineering, has received an appointment to West Point Military Academy, West Point, New York. He reported to Fort Sill for a physical examination March 5 prior to entering the Academy in July.



At the Norman Senior Chamber of Commerce O. U. athletic fan dinner in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building—the "play" here is a "pass" from newly elected president of the Board of Regents, O. U. alumnus, Attorney Bob Wallace (right) to Coach Jim Tatum (left) to Director of Athletics Jap Haskell (center). The pass? Wallace to Tatum, "How will we fare in the September 28 O. U.-Army game at West Point?" Jim to Jap, "You tell 'em, Coach!" Jap to Bob, "They will know that we're in there pitchin'!"