

Bud Picks Tigers

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Opening the annual tag-you're-it session, Coach Bud Wilkinson recently picked Missouri's Tigers as the team to beat in the Big Seven football scramble this fall.

Blond Bud named Texas as another of his high priority worries, now that spring practice is over. "They'll all be tough," he predicted.

"Missouri should win the conference crown," hazarded Wilkinson. "She didn't lose as much as either Kansas or Oklahoma. Even Coach Don Faurot is confident, as he has every reason to be. He has picked up strength while we have lost it.

"The Sooners? Well, it's hard to say right now," he continued. "Our backs should be a little better. Our line will be decidedly weaker."

Skeptics should recall that only last spring Wilkinson picked Kansas to be strong. None will dispute his accuracy. The Jayhawks tied the Sooners for the conference crown, then went on to play very creditable football against Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

"Our chances of having an undefeated team in 1948? Very few," Wilkinson said. "The odds are strongly against any team expecting to win them all. Take Notre Dame, for instance. They've only had two perfect seasons since 1929. As good as Michigan was last year, they were lucky to beat Minnesota. Some underdog will always pull an upset."

"The draft? Well, whether it will hurt us or not is immaterial. If we need it, we should have

it. We would be hurt for long-range prospects, but the majority of our experienced varsity are draft-exempt veterans."

Wilkinson listed 21 spring practice squadmen as possibilities for the proposed peacetime draft. They are Ed Lisak, Joe Harkey, Dean Smith, Calvin Meyers, Charles Dowell, Bob Shipman, Claire Mayes, J. W. Cole, Charles Paine, Laddie McDade, Ed Rowland, Frank Anderson, Reece McGee, Joe Al Cunningham, Leon Heath, Bob Wheat, Tom Gray, Bill Lambeth, Bob Cowan, Lindell Pearson, and Cal Steinberger.

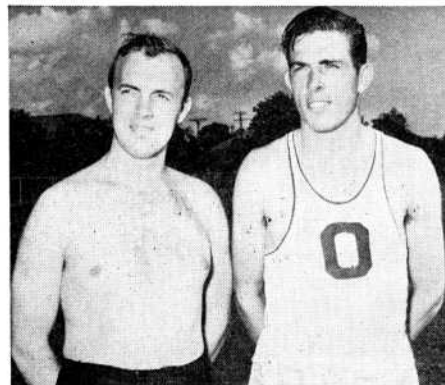
"We expect all of our injured players to be ready to go this fall. No, we don't expect any losses to professional ranks," he continued hopefully.

When asked how the 1948 Sooner eleven would differ from last year's team, Wilkinson noted that the passing should be materially improved, since both the passing and receiving are stronger.

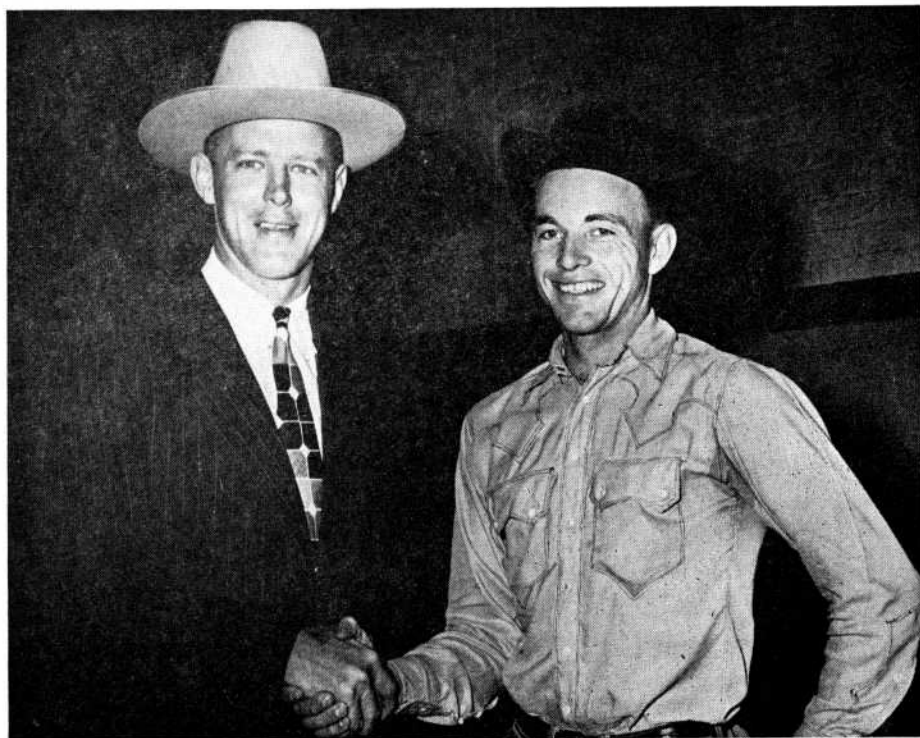
Wilkinson pointed out that Dave Wallace is still eligible and may be back to apply his unerring toe to extra-point placements. If Wallace doesn't return, Bob Bodenhamer, Jack Mitchell, Dan Andregg and Junior Thomas are top candidates for "Wallace's extra-point duties."

When questioned concerning outstanding sophomore prospects, Wilkinson listed Harry Moore, Mayes, Cole, Frank Anderson, Lisak, Cunningham, Claude Arnold, Heath, Cowan and Gray as some of the more promising newcomers.

"College football should be at its highest peak in history this fall," Wilkinson concluded. "Never before have college teams had so many men with so much experience."



Two University pharmacy students who are also college athletes graduated in June and went directly into jobs. Lex Shelby of Maud, right, ran on the Oklahoma spring medley relay team that won the championship in 1947 of both the Texas and Kansas Relays. Bob Hurd of Shawnee, husky breast-stroker on the Oklahoma swimming team, also wound up his scholastic career. Shelby is a pharmacist for the Longhorn Drug Company of Kilgore, Texas, Hurd for the



Bud Wilkinson, Sooner athletic director, congratulates Reed Taylor, O. U. cowboy, on his prize-winning at the National Collegiate Rodeo at Gunnison, Colorado.

Reed Taylor--Sooner Cowboy

Competing against a field that averaged 35 to 40 contestants in each event, Reed Taylor, the University of Oklahoma's lone entry in the first annual National Collegiate Rodeo at Gunnison, Colorado, placed in three events, won two cash prizes and also a small merchandise booty consisting of a silver belt buckle and a pair of rider pants.

He was fourth in bull-riding, fifth in bareback bronc riding, but didn't place in calf roping. In

the bull-riding he had the unusual experience of having the bull rear up and fall back on him, pinning him, which is an unusual accident. However, he was unhurt and in the re-ride placed fourth.

When Taylor arrived home he brought with him in a trailer "Whitey," the roping horse loaned him by Son Lindsey of Norman. His expenses to and from the meet were paid by the Sooner athletic department.

O.U. Did It Again

The Sooners carried the Big Seven conference all sports championship during the 1947-48 school year with a low score of 27 points.

Missouri was second with 32, followed by Nebraska 33, Kansas 34, Iowa State 41 and Kansas State 43.

The Sooners have won the conference all sports title 13 years, or more times than all the other schools together. Nebraska and Iowa State have won three each to one each for Iowa State and Kansas. Colorado wasn't ranked this year since she didn't compete the first semester.

Oklahoma won championships in wrestling and golf and a co-championship in football. Kansas duplicated this, winning crosscountry and tennis and tying for football. Missouri carried indoor and outdoor track, Iowa State won swimming and Kansas State was triumphant in basketball.

The table for this school year:

	Okla.	Mo.	Neb.	Kans.	I.S.	K.S.
football	1½	3	4	1½	5	6
basketball	2½	2½	5	6	4	1
crosscountry	2	3	6	1	5	4
indoor track	4	1	3	2	6	5
wrestling	1	5½	2	5½	3	4
swimming	3	6	2	4	1	5
golf	1	5	2	4	3	6
tennis	2	3	6	1	4	5
baseball	5	2	1	6	4	3
outdoor track	5	1	2	3	6	4
totals	27	32	33	34	41	43

Student Artists Recognized

Two University students have received recognition for their paintings displayed at the second annual exhibition of North American Indian art at the Philbrook Art Center in Tulsa.

"Choctaw Scalp and Victory Dance" is the title of a painting which won a first prize of \$150 for Chief Terry Saut, junior in the University School of Art. Jesse E. Davis, fine arts sophomore, won honorable mention in the Plains tribes group.

Judges for the Indian art were Dr. O. M. Jacobson, director of the University museum of art; Oscar Howe, Sioux artist, and Wolf Robe Hunt, an Acoma tribesman.

The exhibition will be displayed for two months and then will go on nation-wide tour.