



"General" Jack Mitchell takes time out from Sugar Bowl practice to show Mrs. Mitchell a crab from the beach at Biloxi, Mississippi, where the Sooner squad drilled for the New Year's Day game. Jack's injured left foot (in white sock) improved enough by game time for the "General" to score a touchdown and spark the Sooners to a 14-6 victory.

Big Ten conference schools, so that our student body, as well as the general public may see the meets."

"If it is proven impractical for our indoor track teams to train in the new fieldhouse during the winter months, we will enclose the present makeshift indoor track quarters beneath the east stadium and install lights and heat so Coach John Jacobs' trackmen will have warm quarters in which to train on the dirt floor facilities Coach Jacobs wants for training."

President Cross has also announced plans to build a new outdoor cinder track to replace the present track which will be eliminated by the expansion of the stadium.

The proposed track will include new, modern dressing facilities and an extensive seating arrangement modeled upon that of the large California schools for their track stadia, separate from football. Jacobs will design the track and work with architects regarding the details.

When the building program is finished, once again there will be seats for all Oklahoma fans at all Oklahoma sports events. And it can't come too soon!

Roundballers Lead Conference

After staggering momentarily under the weight of one of Coach Bruce Drake's typical "suicide" schedules, the basketball Sooners revived upon entering Big Seven conference play and finished the first half of their season with a seven won, four lost record.

The University team got off to a shaky start,

losing four of its first five games. It beat powerful Ohio State at Norman in overtime, 64-55, but lost to Coach Jack Gray's Texas Longhorns, 49-40, in a home game, and to Illinois, 73-68, Syracuse, 55-49, and City College of New York, 53-51, on the road.

The O.U. five won the Big Seven pre-conference tournament at Kansas City by defeating Colorado, 56-45, Iowa State, 55-45, and Kansas, 52-49. Then in January conference games Oklahoma edged the same three teams by scores of 43-40, 43-42, and 38-36, respectively.

This University team seems to win the close ones. For the first 11 games Oklahoma's average score was 50.8 points per game while opponents made 49.1 points, leaving an average victory margin of only 1.7 points per game.

Four regulars from last year's team, which finished with a 13-9 record and was ranked 42nd in the nation, returned to court action this season. They are:

Paul "Lefty" Courty—leading scorer of the Big Seven conference last season—this year's captain—6-3, 190—senior from Windsor, Missouri;

Paul Merchant—finest passer and playmaker on the 1948 team—6-0, 162—junior from Tulsa;

Kenneth Pryor—one of the greatest set shot artists ever developed at Oklahoma—5-11, 160—junior from Oklahoma City;

Bill Waters—known for the flat trajectory of his hook shots off the post—hits with either hand—6-6, 220—junior from Oklahoma City.

Wayne Glasgow, sophomore from Dacoma, has won the fifth starting post, which Bob Jones and Harley Day shared last season, with his aggressive play under the backboards. Glasgow stands 6-3 and weighs 190 pounds.

Marcus Freiburger, the tallest Sooner player of all time at 6-11, has seen considerable action so far this season and is improving rapidly, but is still a year away from cage greatness.

Other lettermen on the squad are Douglas Lynn, 6-8 junior from Henryetta; Jack Hughes, 5-9 junior from Muskogee; and Wayne Speegle, 6-3 junior from Oklahoma City.

The Sooners were pre-season favorites to win the Big Seven championship, and justified their favored role in early conference play, but still have nine games to play in February and March.

The most obvious stumbling blocks remaining in the schedule are Missouri at Columbia, Texas at Austin, and Henry Iba's Oklahoma A&M cagers, both at Norman and Stillwater. All are tough teams for the Sooners to beat.



When the Sugar Bowl champs returned to Oklahoma City January 4, they were met at the airport by Tom Smith, president of the Oklahoma City Junior Chamber of Commerce, right, who presented Sooner co-captains, Tackles Wade Walker, left and Homer Paine, with a certificate of appreciation from the city.