



Marcus Freiberger, 6-11 sophomore center from Greenville, Texas, is one of the most improved players on the University team and has won a starting position. He is the fourth, and tallest, of a famous basketball family. His three brothers, all 6-8, were also varsity centers for Oklahoma colleges.

Basketeers Move Up

A tough schedule and inept ball-handling combined to give the University basketball team six defeats in its first 15 games of the present season.

Stolen passes and the resulting fast breaks lost both the game with the Texas University Longhorns at Austin and the contest with Kansas State January 22 at Norman. The final scores were, Texas 59, Oklahoma 53, and Kansas State 47, Sooners 45.

However, the Drakemen did eke out two close victories on the home court, beating Missouri 44-40 on January 15 and edging Iowa State 55-52, January 29. That encounter with the Iowa State Cyclones was much closer than the score indicates. Marcus Freiberger, 6-11 sophomore from Greenville, Texas, hit a tip-in for two points to tie the score with only five seconds left in the game. The Sooners went on to win in the overtime period.

Under the tutelage of Coach Bruce Drake, '29 phys.ed, Freiberger has developed into a good rebounder, an accurate shot, and a much-improved passer. In fact, the towering sophomore has won the starting assignment at center. Sooner fans who like to make comparisons state flatly that the Texas giant looks as good this season as did the sophomore Bob Kurland for A.&M. Drake, who has seen the tall players come and go, says that Freiberger has the makings of "an all-time great" player. Freiberger missed the Kansas State game but made 68 points in the other 14 games.

Paul Courty, team captain and forward, is the squad leader in point making at the 15-game mark with 165 points. Next is sophomore Wayne Glasgow, who has counted 154 markers. Then comes Bill Waters, 108; Ken Pryor, 101, and Paul Merchant, 88 points.

By the time this issue of the *Sooner Magazine* comes off the press, the University team will have played Oklahoma A.&M., both at Norman and Stillwater, and conference games with Nebraska at Norman and Kansas State at Manhattan.

At the halfway mark in the conference race the Sooners stand second to Nebraska with five vic-

tories and one defeat, that at the hands of Kansas State.

Still left on the schedule are four vital Big Seven conference contests. They are:

February 26—Missouri at Columbia.

March 3—Kansas at Lawrence.

March 5—Nebraska at Lincoln.

March 12—Colorado at Norman.

Cinder Squad Gets New Quarters

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After a 50-year cold spell, the outlook is fair and warmer for Oklahoma's indoor track team.

Recently Coach John Jacobs' Sooners left "Pneumonia Downs," their open air indoor plant beneath the east stadium, to establish headquarters in the large navy drill hall on the north campus, a new building that housed the Norman Naval Air Station Zoomers basketball team in wartime.

The new plant lacks a track. A temporary one has been measured off on the gym floor. It has little room for spectators. It is located 1½ miles from the Main Campus, consequently the track squad has to be transported to and from it for practice.

But it is warm and cozy. After trying to train for years in sub-freezing weather, often running in snow that had drifted in through the open windows, or trying to dodge the water leaking overhead from the stadium expansion joints during a rain or when snow on the stadium is melting, the new facilities look great to the Sooners.

Quarter-milers get the worst break. They have to sprint around the slick curves at top speed, and the curves aren't banked. Distance runners also have some trouble negotiating the turns on the varnished basketball floor. But the curves are roundish and the track is a large one, measuring 10 laps to the mile.

Hurdlers and dash men travel only 60 yards so they can seat their fastest. Halfmilers, milers and two-milers won't lose an alarming amount of time around the flat curves.

Field event men will like the new arrangement. Broadjumpers will run 107 feet on a suspended runway and light in a roomy sawdust pit. Highjumpers and pole-vaulters have plank runways and will land in a pit of hay. Shot-putters will be spotlighted in front of the crowd, throwing the 16-pound steel ball onto mats against a barricade.

It's fair and warmer for indoor track at Oklahoma.

(Editor's Note: The University trackmen like their new, warm quarters so well that in their first meet with the new facilities they whipped North Texas State, 84½ to 19½, setting one new all-time school indoor track mark, tying another, and breaking six meet records. How about raising the temperature a little more?)

One More Time

"General" Jack Mitchell and Paul "Buddy" Burris, Oklahoma's 1948 All-Americans, will play in the 16th annual college all-star game next fall in Chicago's 100,000-seat Soldiers' Field. The college all-stars will meet the Philadelphia Eagles, champions of the National Professional Football League.

Burris, business senior from Muskogee, and Mitchell, senior in psychology from Arkansas City, Kansas, received invitations early in February from Arch Ward, sports editor of the Chicago Tribune and originator of the all-star classic. The game is a

yearly feature of the Chicago Tribune Charities Promotion and is sponsored by the newspaper.

Burris has signed to play professional football with the Green Bay Packers in the National League, the same club which holds the draft rights to Mitchell. General Jack recently stated that if he played professional ball, it would be with the Packers.

John Rapacz, Sooner All-American center of 1946-47, now with the Chicago Rockets of the American Football League, played in last year's game under all-star Coach Frank Leahy of Notre Dame.

It is possible that Coach Bud Wilkinson, who tutored Mitchell, Burris, and the rest of the University squad to a successful 1948 season ending in the Sugar Bowl, will coach the Sooner pair once more. Reports early in February indicated that the Oklahoma mentor is being seriously considered as head coach of the college all-stars next August.

If the handsome, 33-year-old Wilkinson is chosen as head man, he will be the first coach from this part of the country to obtain the honor of leading the collegians against the pro champs. There is little doubt that Wilkinson will be named one of five assistants if he does not receive the main post.

Two other state coaches have been honored with assistant berths on the all-star staff. Henry Frnka, former Tulsa mentor, served as did Oklahoma A.&M.'s Jim Lookabaugh. Both coaches were named after guiding their teams to Sugar Bowl appearances.

Unusual Program for Lawyers

With every effort being made to help its graduates find good positions immediately upon graduation, the Law School has set up one of the most unusual programs in its history.

Under the direction of R. Dale Vliet, '38Law, associate professor of law, a program was set up this year which endeavors to ascertain the legal needs of every Oklahoma community and to place lawyers meeting the needs of these communities in the job.

Following the new army procedure of placing the right man in the right job, Vliet is compiling a complete and extensive file on each member of the law school. Personal characteristics and peculiar abilities are especially taken into account so that every special or particular need in either rural or urban communities can be met.

"It is our idea," Vliet said, "that for the benefit of the profession generally, graduates should be properly placed. We are keeping a complete record of the peculiar qualifications of each student—which includes his military record, past employment and, of course, his scholastic and personal attributes."

"With only a sketchy organization working so far, we have managed to place over 60% of our January graduating class," Vliet stated further.

The files of the placement service, which are gradually being built up, take into consideration four main factors: (1) Background; (2) Training; (3) Association; and (4) Experience.

Through this new method of finding positions for its graduates, the Law School plans to have available lawyers to meet every need—from mahogany-desk big-city lawyers to barristers suited to the needs of rural communities.

Well aware of the fact that such an extensive and progressive program can not work satisfactorily without the co-operation of interested persons throughout the state, Vliet has asked that "employers in business generally, lawyers in law firms and communities which need lawyers to come and settle in their particular area contact him in care of the Law School Student Placement Service."