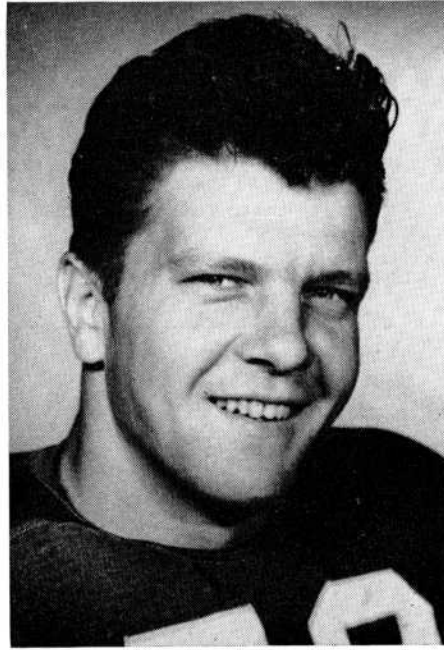
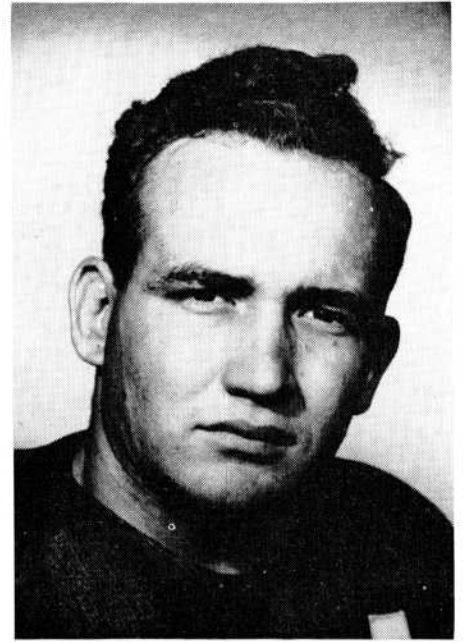


JIMMY OWENS
Colliers Picks Him



WADE WALKER
He Shows Promise



STANLEY WEST
Burris' Shoes Fit

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O. U.'s Candidates for All-America

There's a big noise in Southwestern football circles, and it's the Sooners as they bid for a national football championship.

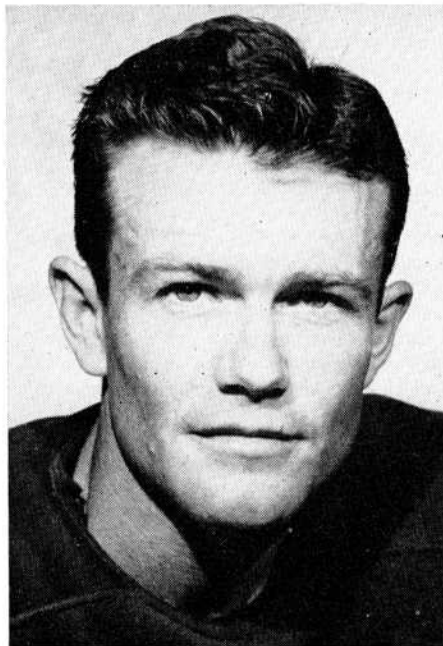
With each successive Saturday's performance more spectacular than the previous one, the red and white of Bud Wilkinson's football team is twinkling a little brighter in Oklahoma's Indian Summer sun.

Thoughts of a national championship and of a team full of All-Americans lose their rosy tinge as even the most pessimistic observer realizes after the early season showing of the Sooners such prospects are in the realm of possibility.

Said Hal Middlesworth, *Daily Oklahoman* sports editor, in a story headed, "Sooners Rating Going Up."

"There's no need for Bud Wilkinson to look the other direction when they start talking about this year's national football championship. Those are his Sooners from the University of Oklahoma that they are uprating since Saturday's 20-14 decision over a good Texas team."

In the same story, Middlesworth quoted Lorin McMullen of the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* as writing of the Texas game:

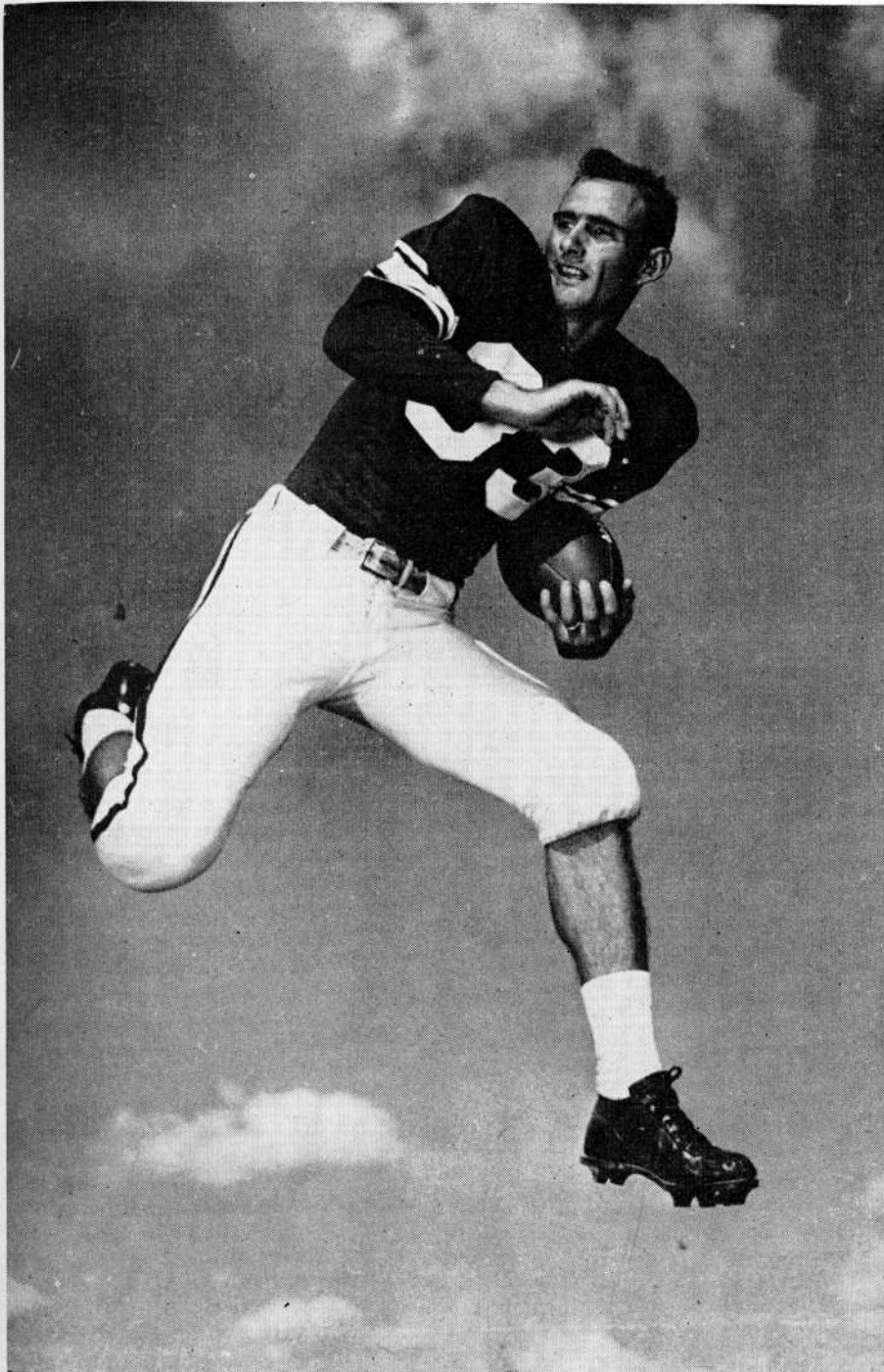


DARRELL ROYAL
Rice Second Guesses

"Class told! Like a smooth, poised confident champion calmly granting the challenger a round in which to display his wares, the University of Oklahoma's big red-shirted football team conceded the first 16 minutes to the Longhorns, then went to work and pounded out a 20-14 victory. . . . That was Oklahoma, the team that may now ride down-hill to an all-victorious season and perhaps a national championship."

The first Associated press poll listed Oklahoma in third place behind Michigan and Notre Dame for the national lead. However, Michigan's loss to Army should allow the Sooners to move upward. By the time this issue of *Sooner Magazine* rolls from the presses, it is not inconceivable to think the Sooners will have captured the top rung.

And then there's the candidates for All-American. Oklahoma has a bumper crop. Observers who indulged in a bit of pre-season second guessing have decided that at least four of Wilkinson's charges should



The young man doing the graceful ballet is Buddy Jones, defensive back from Holdenville. His work was never better than in the Texas University game.

be picked. And while the four chosen have performed in All-American fashion, there are at least two more that must be added to the list for serious consideration.

Francis Wallace in his "Football Preview" in *Colliers* magazine liked Jim Owens, senior end from Oklahoma City, for his starting eleven. He also named Wade Walker, senior tackle from Gastonia, North Carolina, and Darrell Royal, senior quarterback from Hollis, to his All-American squad.

Stanley Woodward's *Football-1949* thought that Walker and Stanley West,

senior guard from Enid, were what he wanted on his starting eleven.

Grantland Rice pointed to Royal as his candidate for the dream team in a story for *Look* magazine.

If a poll could be taken of Sooner sports followers there would probably be a couple of more names added to this list. George Thomas, right halfback, would certainly be near the top.

Thomas, the Fairland flash, has demonstrated his prowess as a pigskin navigator to the satisfaction of everyone save the opposition. His brilliant 95 yard kickoff re-

turn on the opening play of the Boston College game resulted in a touchdown and an indication of what was to be expected from him.

Against the Texas Aggies, he was personally responsible for 100 yards gained rushing, scoring two touchdowns and made his debut as a place kicker of some merit. After the first four games, Thomas had scored 63 points. Not bad when you consider there are three other backs on the field at the same time.

The leading ground gainer for the Sooners, Lindell Pearson, left halfback from Oklahoma City, is another Oklahoman to be considered seriously in All-American pickins.

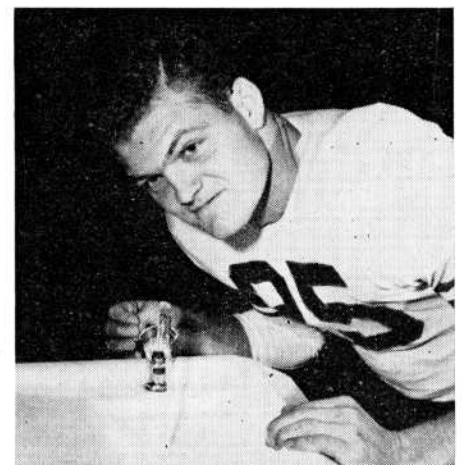
Lindy's running has been just as hard as Thomas'. He hasn't had as many touchdowns to his credit but he's a man the opposition has had trouble stopping.

If none of the six mentioned above can win your personal ballot for All-America then there's still fullback Leon Heath, Hollis junior; Charles Dowell, junior center from Tulsa; Bobby Goad, senior end from Muskogee; Norman McNabb, junior guard from Norman, and Lean Manley, senior tackle from Hollis.

These eleven have been used as Wilkinson's offensive eleven. And on the defense there's a real standout. He's Buddy Jones, junior end from Holdenville. It was Jones who must have broken many Texas hearts with his pass defending and tackling.

There you have the All-American candidates. Not one or two but an even dozen.

Homecoming Sooners will have a chance to see them all in action against a surprisingly strong Iowa State eleven. Then they can join the fun and pick their own candidates. For our money there's a whole team and then some that would make good representatives on the All-American scene.



George "Junior" Thomas, the Fairland Flash and ace offensive right halfback for the Sooners, drinks up.