

The University's wrestling team has handled their midwestern opponents with ease. At the NCAA tourney this month they may produce

Another National Champion

By David Burr

The University of Oklahoma is in the process of producing another national championship sports team. This time in wrestling. Undefeated in dual matches, the Port Robertson coached matmen have met



Bill Borders (left), 123-pound wrestler, is counseled by Coach Port Robertson as he prepares to go on with Tommy Keys of Okla. A&M. Borders defeated him 5-2.

and defeated two of the traditional national leaders already. It appears that no one will stop them.

In the opening meet of the season, the Sooners toppled Oklahoma A.&M. 19-8. The win would have been No. 77 for the Aggies in an unbroken skein. The next O.U. encounter was with the defending National Collegiate and National A.A.U. champs, Iowa State Teachers. Shooting for win No. 33, the Sooners again broke the twine, 20-8. A trip through Colorado produced two more wins and then the stage was set for a return bout with the Aggies. In modern times no Aggie grappling team had been defeated twice in one season by one opponent. Again Aggie luck ran out and the Sooners duplicated their former score. No one apparently could match the O.U. matmen.

The basketball season will be ended by the time this magazine is off the press. In many regards the season must be consid-

ered a triumph for Bruce Drake, '29 phys. ed, and his roundballers.

Tulsa World Sports Editor B. A. Bridgewater did a good job in summing up the Sooners and their coach. He wrote, "Probably no college basketball team in the country has scored as many upsets in the season now coming to the finish line as the surprising Sooners of Oklahoma, coached by Bruce Drake.

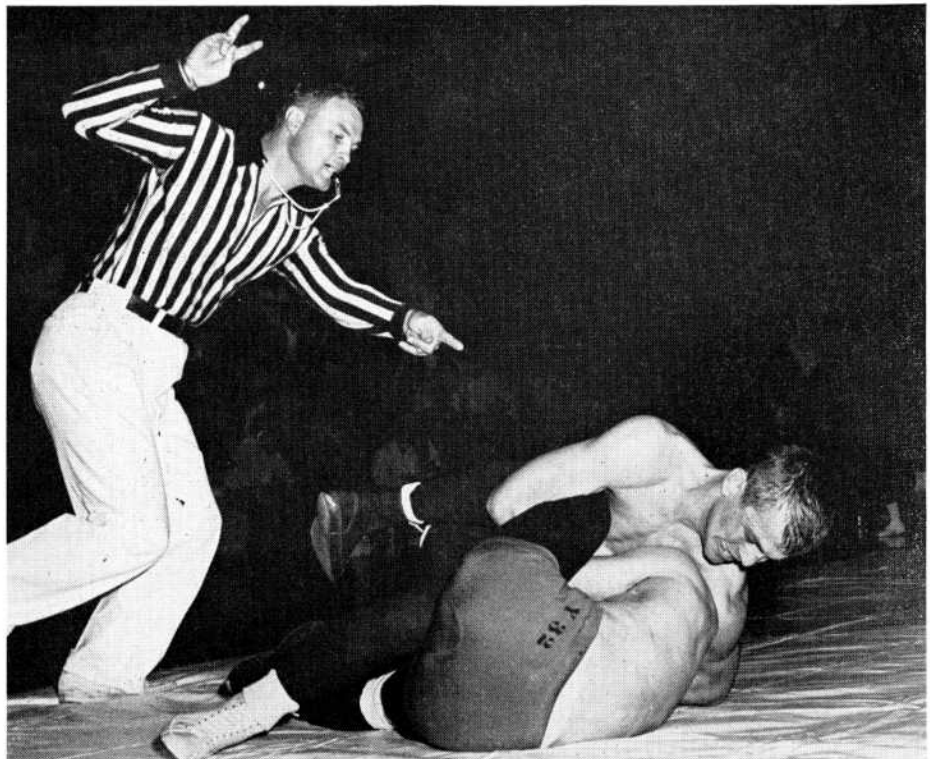
"There is no more dangerous team than Drake's Sooners in an underdog role. . . . Drake has done his best coaching job of all time this year—with the least personnel."

A demonstration of the danger involved in playing the Drakes on any given night may be found in the record as rung up during the season. Kansas State, Oklahoma A.&M., Kansas and CCNY have all felt the effects of Oklahoma. Every one of the mentioned teams were riding high in the top

ten of the nation's quintets when O.U. came along to provide a trimming.

One of the brightest spots in the basketball season has been the late season showing of Marc Frieberger. Called by assorted nicknames, Marc plays just as sweet. In three consecutive Big Seven games with Kansas State, Kansas and Missouri, Marc scored 73 points. His coming of basketball age helped prove the undoing of Kansas State and certainly put the skids under Kansas when he out-manuevered their great center, Clyde Lovellette.

Swimming and track are in progress and while it is too early in the season to report the teams' stature, it seems likely that both will provide a better than average record for their particular sport. The track team sports several bright performers. Perhaps the best bet for national recognition is the mile relay team (see *Sooner Magazine*,



Tommy Evans, O.U.'s sophomore 137-pounder, wraps up Oklahoma A.&M.'s Keith Groom just before pinning Groom in 5:12 with a cradle. Sooner matmen met the Aggies in the Fieldhouse at Norman, racked up 19-8 to break A.&M.'s 76-match string of wins.

February, 1951). Dick Jones, a member of the relay team, is also a high jumper of merit. Thus far in the season he has established a 6-4½ mark. Clair Mayes, retooled footballer, is making strong efforts toward recognition as a shot putter. He's heaved the shot 50-11½ once this year. Two other members of the mile relay team have established reputations as 440 men. Jerry Meader, Big Seven indoor champ, and Charles Coleman, Big Seven outdoor king, are performing well this season. The entire team seems stronger than any for the past several years and may bring coach John Jacobs, '16ba, a Big Seven outdoor title.

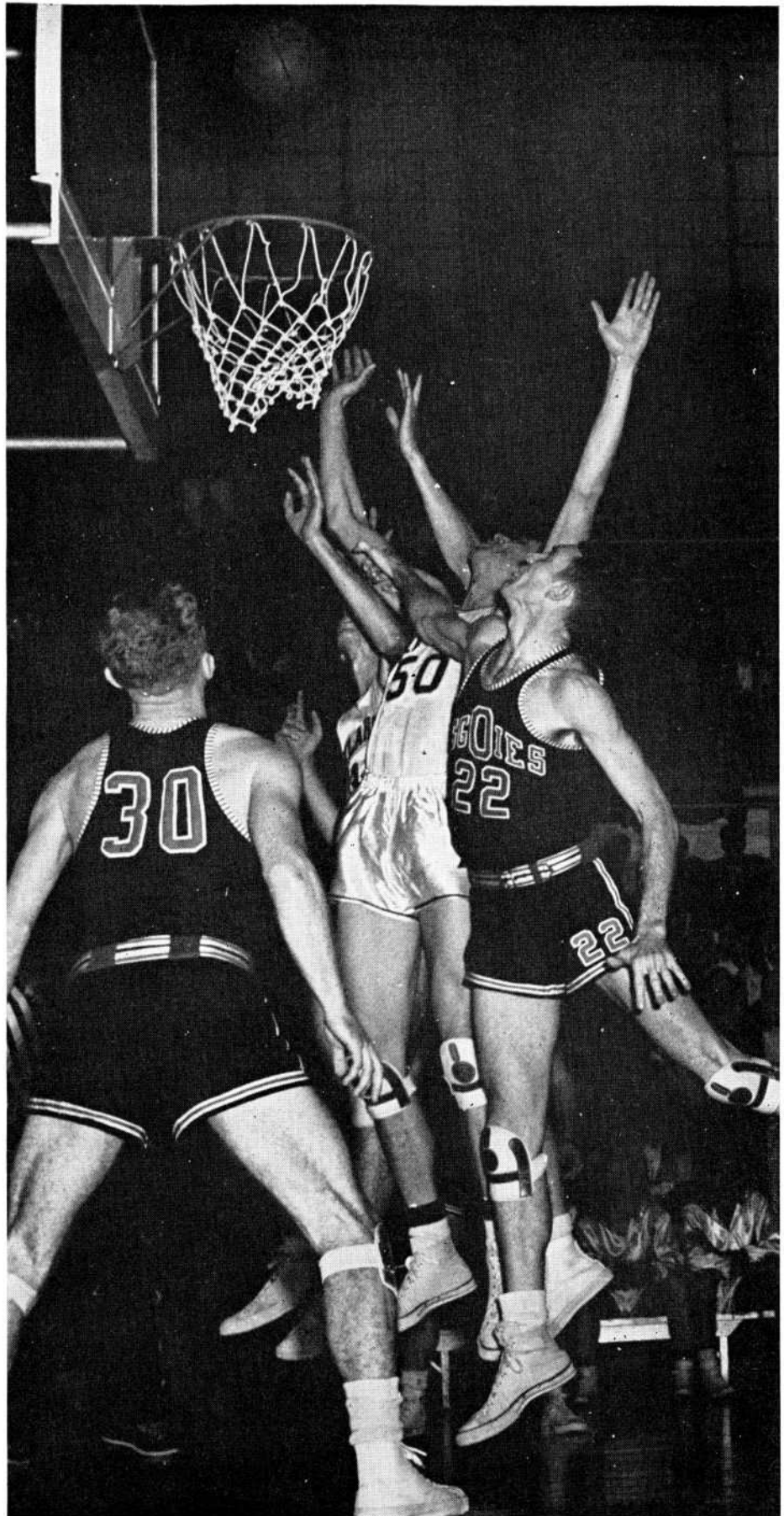
Three other sports are in training and will have performed by late March. The tennis squad, golf team and baseball team are respectively swinging their rackets, teeing off and hitting the ball.

Two Sooner coaches and Dr. George L. Cross made sports news during the month. Assistant Coach George Lynn announced that he had accepted a position on the Stanford coaching staff.

Dr. Cross made news by being presented a Ronson lighter at a dinner for Muskogee highschool gridders. The gift might have gone unpublicized but for a dissimilar gift presented Bud Wilkinson. Wilkinson received a Cadillac at the dinner purchased from donations of fans all over the state.

That rounds up the University sports scene, but there have been several alumni in sports headlines. The news that concerned the most alumni was the transfer of coaching duty of four great football players. The transaction went something like this. Jack Mitchell, '50ba, who has been serving as an assistant coach at Tulsa University, Bobby Goad, '50phys.ed, '50m.ed, coach at Chickasha highschool, and Wade Walker, '50, assistant coach at North Carolina State, were hired as assistant coaches at Texas Tech. Darrel Royal, '50bs, moved to Tulsa to fill the Mitchell vacancy. Another alumnus who is making a great name for himself in the golfing world is Charles Coe, '42-'48. Picked as a Walker Cupper, Coe will play in the Master's Tourney and several others before helping America defend the Walker cup. In still another sports field, Dale Mitchell, '43, Cleveland Indian fly-chaser, is warming up at training camp for the coming baseball season.

O.U. won the Big Seven wrestling title March 10 in the last meet of the season in Norman. Total points for O.U.: 47. The matmen will go to the NCAA tournament, scheduled for March 22-23-24, at LeHigh University.



High-jumping Marcus Frieberger (Number 50) tries for the bucket in the season's first encounter with the Oklahoma Aggies in the Fieldhouse when Drake's roundballers bested the Aggies 44-40. In the second meeting, the Aggies racked up a 48-45 victory.