



HAROLD REECE

... 130 Pound Big Seven Champ



DON REECE

... 123 Pound Titlist

Two More Titles

O.U.'s swimmers and wrestlers gave Oklahoma two Big Seven championships in early March to run the season's total to three conference titles. Indoor track team finished second and basketball squad placed fourth.

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Oklahoma added two Big Seven championships to her football title in early March to become the favorite to repeat as the conference's all-sports champ for 1952-53. In addition, second and fourth place rankings were won by other O.U. teams.

The swimming and wrestling squads turned in the top performances. The indoor track team placed second, and the basketball team ended a topsy-turvy season in fourth place.

The wrestlers' victory was their fourth straight conference title and served as a tuneup for the defense of their NCAA wrestling title in late March. (O.U. has won the national championship for the past two years.)

Held March 13-14 in Norman, the tourney's individual winners from O.U. were Don Reece, 123, Harold Reece, 130, Ronald Scott, 137, Bryan Rayburn, 147, and Frank Marks, 167. Second place winners were John Eagleton, 157, and Keith Kelley, 177. Doc Hearon, wrestling in the unlimited weight division, took third.

Team scores for the meet were Oklahoma 45, Iowa State 26, Kansas State 17, and Colorado and Nebraska 16 each. Missouri and Kansas did not compete.

Missing from the winners' circle was Tommy Evans, last year's 147-pound NCAA champion and Olympic finalist. Out of action due to a leg injury, Evans will not be able to defend his national title.

He will return for another year's competition next year.

The swimmers took to the pool March 6-7 in the conference tournament at Norman. Oklahoma and Iowa State, perennial Big Seven champs, were expected to battle it out for first place. Oklahoma took an undefeated record into the tournament, and, when the final event was completed, remained undefeated and in possession of the title for the second year in a row.

Final team scoring: Oklahoma 145, Iowa State 104, Colorado 34, Kansas 31, and Nebraska 28. Kansas State and Missouri did not compete.

Winners for O. U. (and the events) were Graham Johnston, 1,500 meters, 220 yards, 440 yards; Gerald DeJong, 50 yards; Clarke Mitchell, 200 yards back stroke; Bob Leonardt, 100 yards; Earl Hallum, 1-meter and 3-meter diving, and the 400 yards relay team.

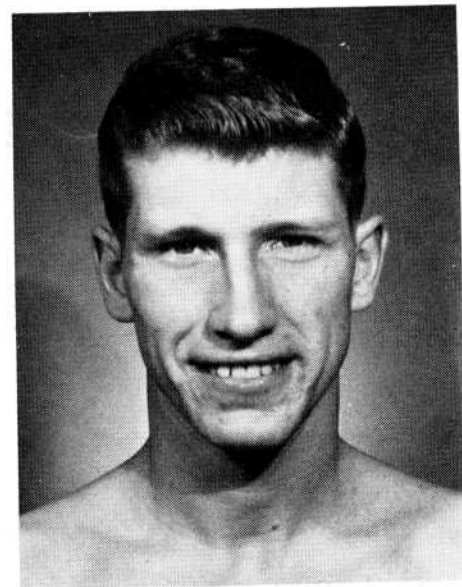
Oklahoma's Johnston was the individual star of the swimming show with his three titles. Hallum and Mike LeMair, Iowa State breast stroke champion, took two titles each.

One unusual incident accompanied Oklahoma's swimming championship. Coach Frank Withrow, newly appointed to replace Joe Glander who resigned last December, got so excited following Oklahoma's upset of Iowa State in the 400 yards free style relay that he jumped into the pool

fully clothed to pummel anchorman Bob Leonardt at the finish line. Conclusive proof that the act was impromptu—Withrow carried his cigarettes, keys and eight bucks in bills into the pool with him.

In the last week in February, track coach John Jacobs, '16ba, took a thin but talented squad to Kansas City for the conference's indoor tournament. The squad was competing without the services

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EARL HALLUM

... Fancy Diver

12th announcement, Lew managed to splutter that Guzzlers' is also a fine hair tonic and deodorant.

The whole show ended with a take-off on the University by the boys of Phi Kappa Sigma entitled "Samoa the Same." The scene, set in front of Samoa University, reveals a meeting of the board of regents. Freshmen complain about the location of their new dorm, Crossbones Center, and Dr. Crossbones himself tells the regents he wants to build a university "the head-hunting team can be proud of."

This year's Sooner Scandals, which packed in an audience of 5,000, mostly students, was directed by Don Lane, '52ba, junior law student from Pampa, Texas.

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of J. W. Mashburn, Olympic team member, who was declared ineligible because of grades. Without Mashburn, the team managed a fine second place showing and in the doing broke two conference marks. The mile relay team was clocked in 3:21 to shave four-tenths of a second from existing marks, and Neville Price leaped 24-9 to shatter the broadjump record.

Both track and swimming teams owed a share of their points to South Africans. Price represented that country last year in the Olympics as did Johnston. DeJong also is a native South African.

O.U.'s basketball team finished the season in fourth place in the conference with 5



GRAHAM JOHNSTON

. . . Three Wins Pace O.U. to Swimming Crown

wins and 7 losses. The overall season record was 8 wins and 13 losses.

Still to be decided before the winner of the all-sports competition will be known are the Spring sports—outdoor track, baseball, tennis and golf.

Regardless of the outcome, Oklahoma is showing once again the fine balance of her athletic program.

Attempting to keep the same balance another year, Bud Wilkinson and his staff are

looking over the prospects for another year's football team. Spring training opened with first workouts March 4.

Replacements must be found for Billy Vessels, Eddie Crowder, Buck McPhail and Tom Catlin plus other graduating seniors, if the team is to offer serious opposition to Notre Dame, Texas, Pittsburg, Kansas, etc., next fall.

With the abolishment of football specialists, following the NCAA's substitution rule change, the players will be playing both offensively and defensively next fall. Spring training closes with the annual Alumni-Varsity game April 11.

As spring drills opened, the coaching staff was without the services of Dee Andros, '50ed, assistant line coach who accepted an assistant coaching position with the University of Kansas.

It appeared that Gomer Jones, line coach and assistant athletic director, might leave the University in early February, also. He was interviewed for the head coaching position with Southern Methodist University. The uncertainty was put to rest when SMU named another coach to fill the vacancy.

Roll Call . . .

Gas Company has been appointed junior petroleum engineer in the company's area office at Hackberry, Louisiana. He was formerly located at Alvin, Texas.

Barbara B. Mee, '52ba, was recently employed by Stanolind Oil and Gas Company in the industrial relations department Oklahoma City.

LINTHICUM-CROWL: Miss Margene Linticum, Stillwater, and Lt. Thomas Smith Crowl, '52 bus, McAlester, were married in early January in the First Presbyterian Church of McAlester. The couple has established a home in Victorville, Cali-

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