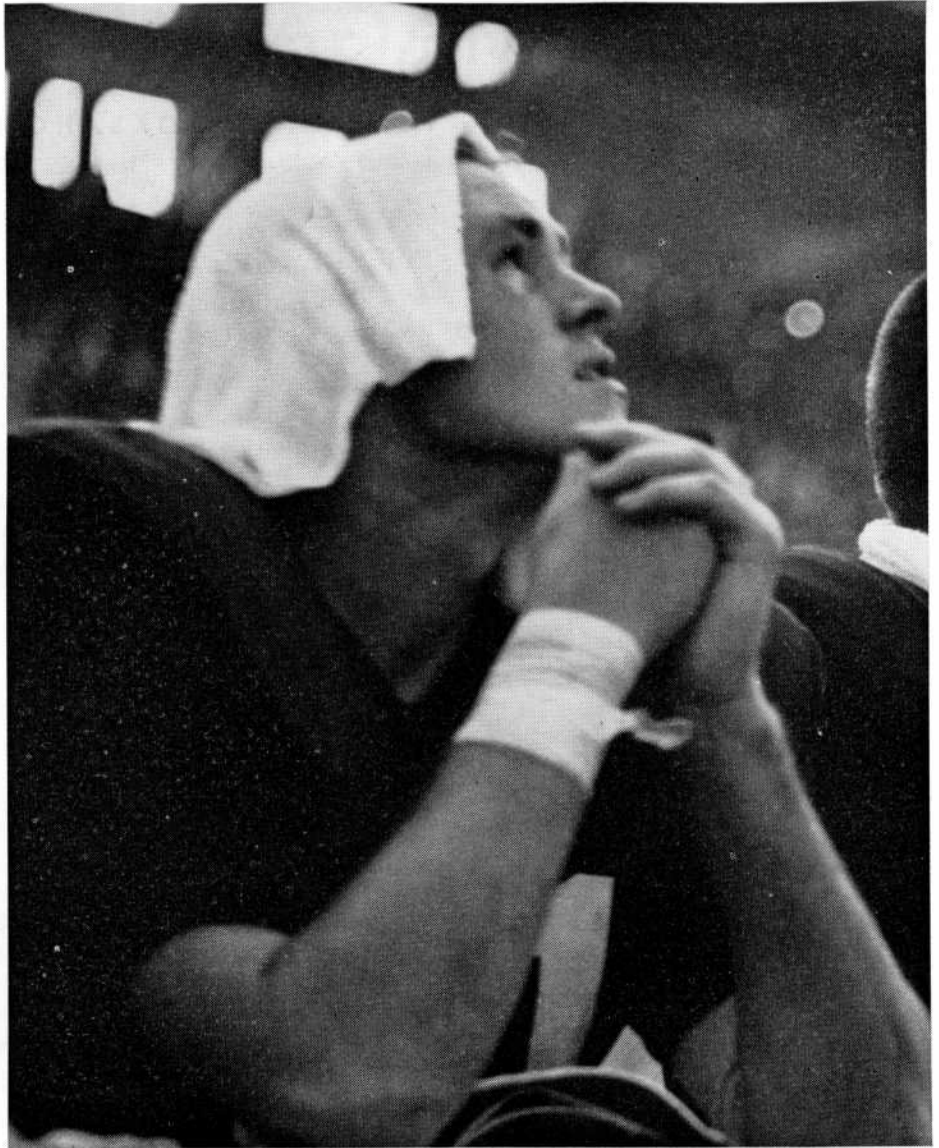


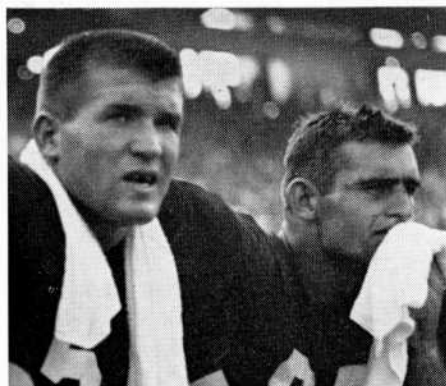


Excitement on field mounts. Halfback Tom McDonald starts with index nail, works down line.



A prayer would not have been inappropriate, but end Max Boydston is only trying to cool off after torrid play under a sweltering Texas sun as he traces the trajectory of a punt in the Cotton Bowl.

MEN ON A TIGHT-ROPE



On the bench for a breather, center Kurt Burris and end Carl Allison keep minds on the field.

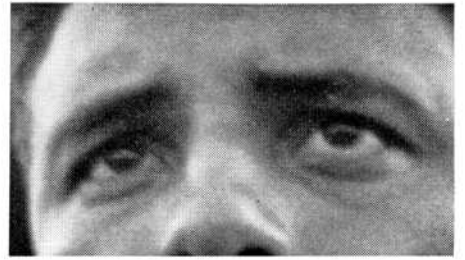
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COULD O. U. beat Texas? A sellout crowd hung on every pitchout, pass and handoff. Two well-conditioned lines hit and hit again. This was the game Texas had to win. This was the game that O. U. needed to keep her place atop the national football ratings.

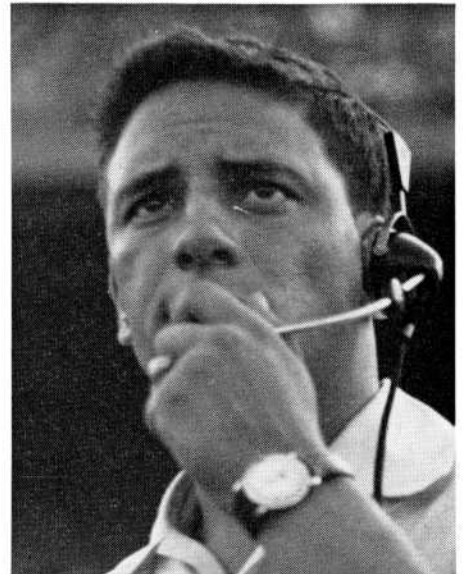
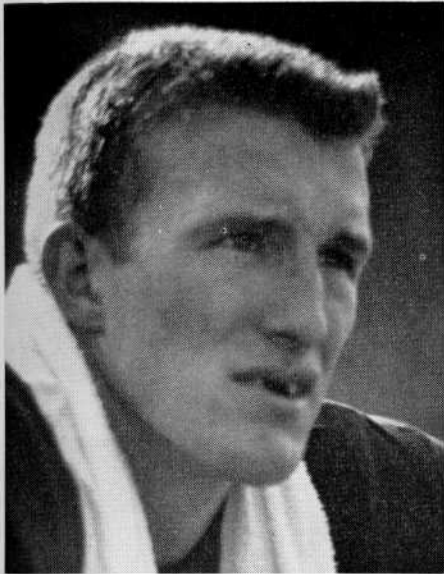
Tension whip-cracked around the stands. Few people considered the emotions of the players but watched their play and cheered or were silent to cheer again.

Out on the field the game was unfolding rapidly. And on the bench the tension made its appearance in player attitudes. Some were resting from combat. Some were wondering when they would get into the game. Some were worrying. Some were cheering their teammates on.

All were behaving like their very lives depended on the game's outcome. This was the Texas game and tension and wanting to win. And the score was too close (14-7) for them to get off their tight-wire until the final gun.



Sooner Quarterbacks Give Texas Team the Eye



Quarterback Jim Harris, hitting football's big time in his initial start for the Sooners, has lots to remember if Big Red is to pull out a win.

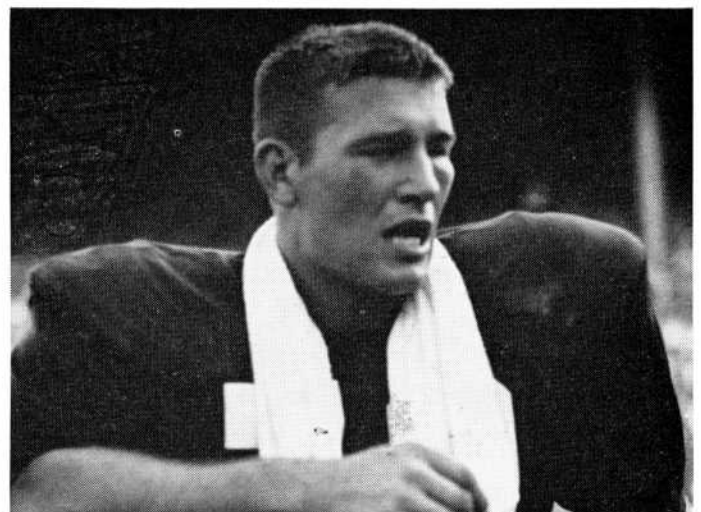
Pat O'Neal, reserve quarterback who saw lots of action, shows tension and excitement as he waits his chance to re-enter the sun-baked contest.

Gene Calame, injured in T.C.U. game, helps his team from sidelines phone. His eye-line contact with field indicates way game is going.

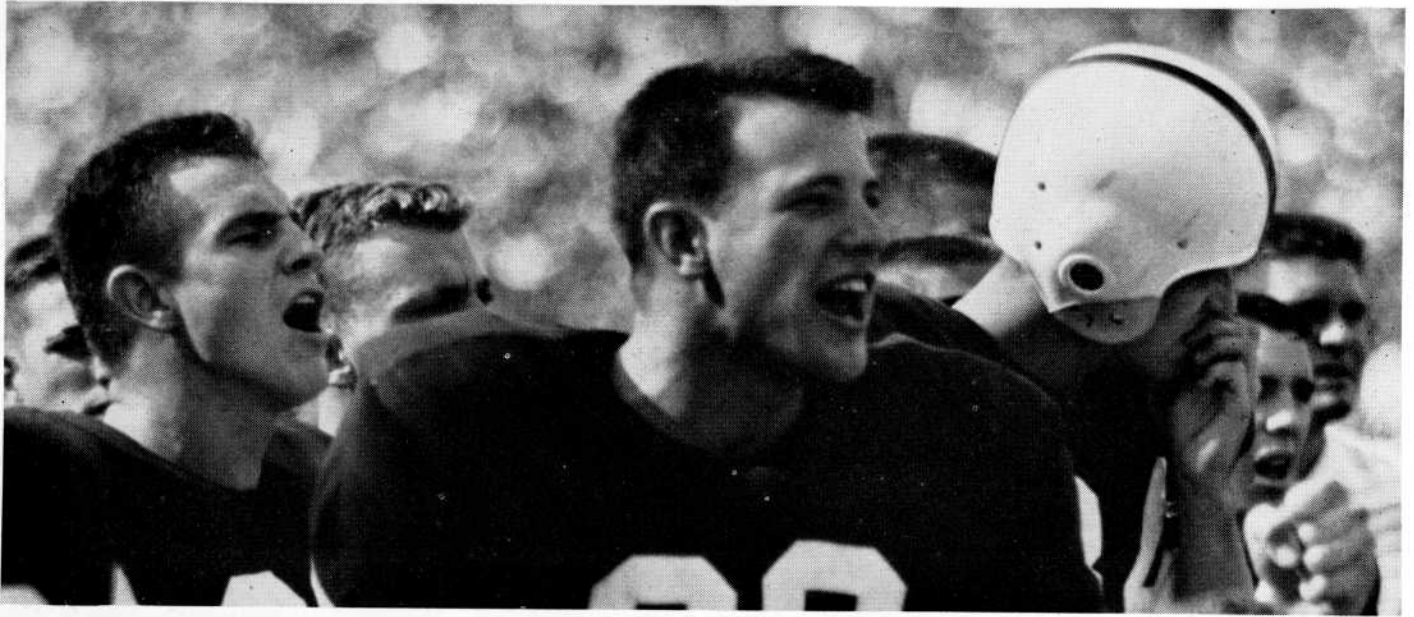
Players' Faces Reflect Heat of Game and Day



Buddy Leake, veteran of three other Texas encounters, takes time out to cool off and rest up. Note the rivulets of perspiration on his neck.

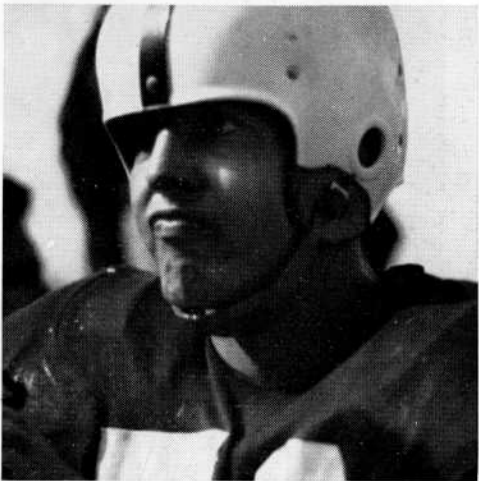


Bo Bolinger, guard, is not lecturing his teammates. He's trying to regain his wind after some bruising line play in the hot and humid Cotton Bowl.

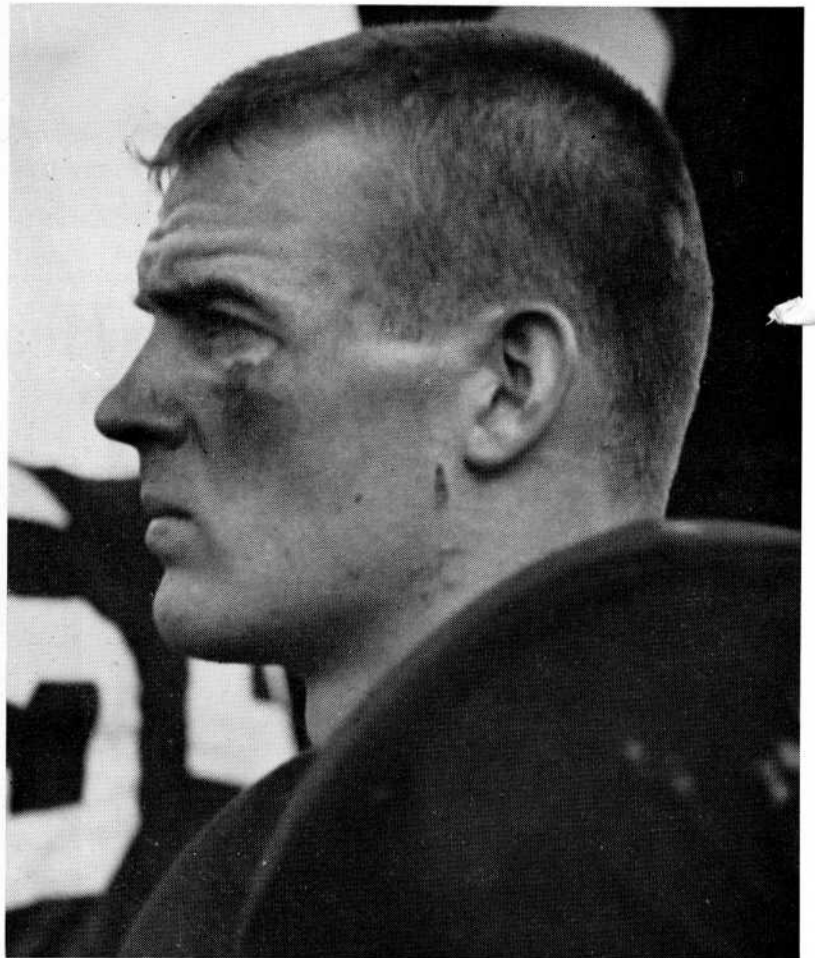
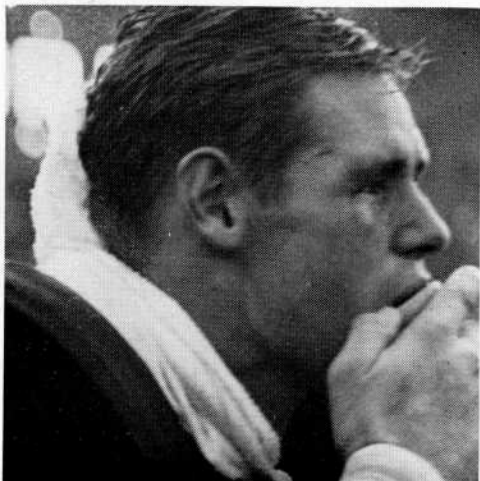


The Oklahoma reserves are a study in contrasts as they react to play on the field. Some are worried, some are pleased, all are working for a victory.

Mixed Emotions as Final Moments Arrive

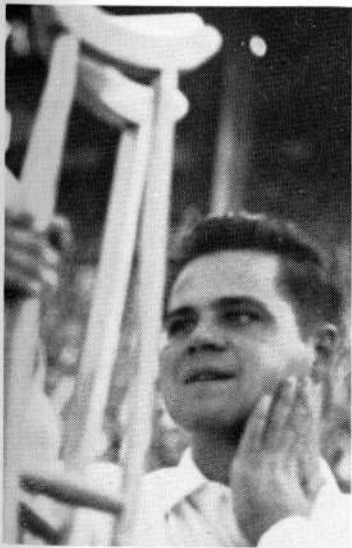


Not a true indication of his feelings, tackle Edmon Gray reacts to a sniff of oxygen while end Max Boydston gets energy from an orange.



Reserve end John Bell, who was something of a hero by catching two long passes during the game, doesn't like the turn of events. The wrinkled foreheads were nowhere in sight after the game. Sun, heat, fierce competition notwithstanding, O.U. won, 14-7.

End of a Dream



A broken ankle did what few opponents could do—it removed tackle Don Brown from lineup in opening minutes of Texas game. He had come a long way for a 184-pounder by making O.U.'s starting team. Now, his playing days over, teammates help him off the field (right), but he returns to watch the game to the finish with new crutches (above).

