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Tatum Talks

On Maryland Team

"How do we compare with Oklahoma? Well, we haven't seen the Sooners, of course, but I know we don't have the same type of club. We don't have their speed so we have to rely more on power. We had the team speed to match O.U. at Miami two years ago.

". . . Depth? Well, we have two good lines. There's a difference in anybody's first and second teams. When you've got players like Bob Pellegrini, Bob Sandusky, Bill Walker and Jack Davis in the starting line, it's bound to be better than the second outfit.

Key men in the defense? Pellegrini. I think he's as great as Kurt Burris at center and Burris was great the times I saw him play for O.U. Sandusky, who weighs about 224, is the most outstanding defensive tackle, but the others are good, too.

"We've got a fine defensive outfit.

On the 1954 Orange Bowl

"We lost our team when we lost Faloney. You just can't lose your quarterback if you're a T team. What would happen to Notre Dame if Paul Hornung got hurt? The Cleveland Browns couldn't win without Otto Graham and Detroit's Lions didn't have much luck when Bobby Layne was hurt.

"You remember Oklahoma didn't do so well in the second half at Miami after Gene Calame got hurt, either . . ."

On Wilkinson Quarterbacks

"Bud Wilkinson is the greatest quarterback coach in America. It's not what he does for them physically but the way he teaches 'em to run the team and call plays. When I was at O.U., I put Bud in complete charge of the quarterbacks."

On Why M.U. Wants to Beat O.U.

"Our boys are just like any other football players. They'd love to play a team that has won as many games in a row as Oklahoma. It wouldn't make any difference if the team was New Mexico. I think getting a shot at that victory streak is the big thing in our boys wanting to go to the Orange Bowl."

These quotes were the result of an interview of Maryland Coach Jim Tatum by *Oklahoma City Times* reporter Volney Meece, '50journ, shortly after Tatum's team had beaten Clemson for the Orange Bowl bid.