Athletes Abounded in the Florida Sun



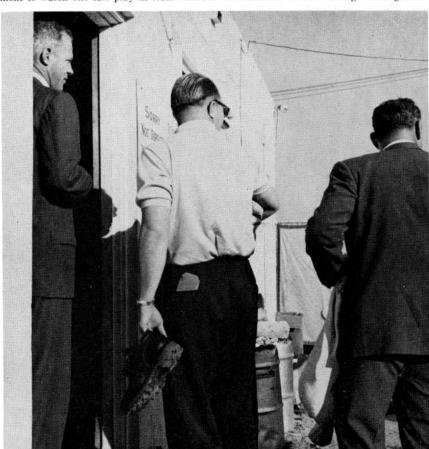
A severyone who had a television set or read the newspapers knew hours after the game's last play, Oklahoma walloped Duke University on New Year's Day in the Orange Bowl, 48-21. The Sooners were in great form; they looked better, in fact, than they had in the last several games they had played elsewhere.

Readying a team for great form means, as the pictures on these pages will indicate, that everyone did not go to Miami to loaf and have a good time.

Athletes seemed all over the place, not just members of the teams, but coaches, and members of the schools' athletic departments, and past players who simply wanted to watch the workouts held at the University of Miami.

Near the beach, pausing just long enough to smile at the camera, are three members of O. U. athletic department. Rear, from left, are Harold Reid, Ken Farris and Leon Beavers. With them are students Kitty Keith (left) and Judy Head.

Bud Wilkinson (left), Ted Youngling (center) and line coach Gomer Jones pause for a moment to watch one last play in team workout at Miami U. before entering dressing room.

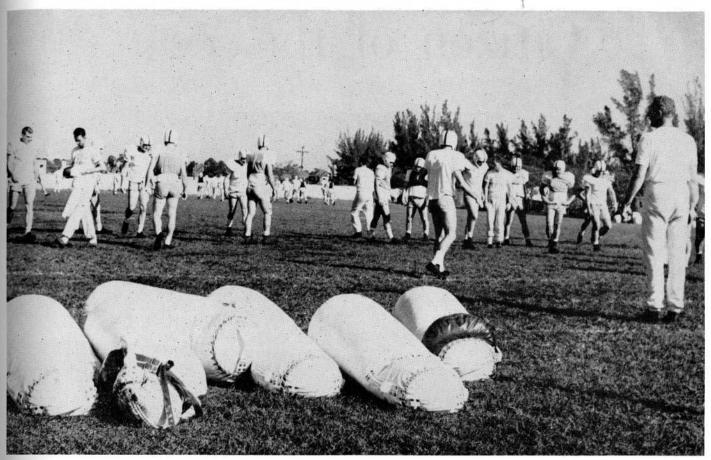


Billy Vessels, former great Sooner football player, watched his successors work out on the field.



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Coach Bud Wilkinson of the Sooners (right) brought his Oklahoma team to Miami by way of two airplanes six days before New Year's Day game in the Orange Bowl. Punishing workouts were staged every day at the same practice field used for the purpose in 1953, '55. Note blocking dummies, bottom.

Sandifer carries for Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl classic, attempts a cut-through but is pounced on by Duke University gridders. Sooners, moving to left from Sandifer, are Northcutt, Morris and Thomas. Final score, 48-21, was a happy one for uncertain Oklahomans, was built up in last half.

