Send That Gridster to O. U.
And Help Already Bright Chances of Sooners in 1929
By Adrian Lindsey, Sooner Football Coach

The first Big Six season has come to an end, with the teams still vying for the Conference title. Nebraska, first; Oklahoma and Missouri tied for second; Iowa State, fourth; Kansas, fifth; Kansas Aggies, sixth.

The conference has proved a success from every angle. Interest was maintained throughout the circuit up to the final game, despite the runaway season staged by Nebraska and the "Powerhouse Boys."

New attendance records were set at all schools, the Nebraska-Missouri game at Lincoln drawing 32,000; Kansas-Missouri at Columbia, drawing 25,000; Oklahoma-Nebraska at Norman, 22,000; and Oklahoma-Missouri at Norman, 16,000. Kansas seemed to be followed by a weather jinx, as the two attractive home games with Nebraska and Oklahoma were practically rained out. In addition the athletic association lost $5,000 when its safe was cracked after the Nebraska game.

The increased attendance throughout the circuit was very gratifying to athletic directors, all of them staggering under huge payments on new stadiums.

Nebraska teams have monopolized Missouri Valley football practically every year since 1911. I have seen the Cornhuskers every year since 1913, and this year's team was the most powerful outfit they have ever had. However, I believe I can see a rosier future for the other teams in the conference. I believe every team in the conference will be stronger next year than this, with the possible exception of Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers lost the middle of their line; James, center; McMullen and Holm, guards. The pessimists will say that they have bigger and better coming on. I doubt it. You couldn't get any better combination than the one they had this year, and with their experience, and three years of playing together they were just naturally salty. Nebraska will have a hard time, too, filling Capt. Blue Howell's shoes, and those of some of the lesser lights that graduate. Granting they grow them bigger and better in Nebraska, I do not believe the Cornhuskers will be as strong next year as they are this.

From Kansas comes word of a giant line and a 200-pound fullback named Boesch, who kicks, runs and passes. This boy comes from Wichita; they have won the last three out of four games played in competition with Nebraska. They have a fine team and fine spirit in the school and can always be counted on for a good team.

Missouri for the past five years has been on a par with Nebraska. In fact they have won the last three out of four games played in competition with Nebraska. They have a fine team and fine spirit in the school and can always be counted on for a good team.

The question is, "What will Oklahoma do next year?"

As I look at it, Oklahoma is now at the same stage that Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska were before the World War, along the lines of organization of alumni and outside friends of the university, recognition of the school and our athletic prowess.

Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri were all organized and were playing inter-sectional games and meeting Big Ten teams twenty-five years ago, and it is only natural that they should have more friends, sending them good material than Oklahoma, which is athletically barely twenty-five years old. We have made far greater strides than any other school in the conference when you compare the ages of the schools, and as Bennie Owen says, "The time has come when we don't ask odds from anybody." We have a large stadium, good equipment, statewide interest due to the new conference, and with the improved roads, we can pay any other team in the conference as good a guarantee as they can pay us.

For years, the middle west has been drawing stars from Oklahoma. Our Oklahoma boys are the best material in the country. Take for example, some
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of the stars on other university teams this fall.

Captain Gibson of Minnesota is from Medford, Mayes Mc-Clain, fullback for Iowa, is from Pryor. Reb Russell, quarterback for Nebraska, is from Nowata. Wilson, Iowa State’s fullback, is from Marshall. Redmond Hume, halfback at Southern Methodist university is from Kingston. Roush, center for Illinois, is from Blackwell. Smith, Missouri’s center, is from Tulsa. Adna Cole, a regular on the Dartmouth team, is from Muskogee. Van Syckle, tackle on the Arkansas team, also is an Oklahoma boy. Kelley, center at Alabama university, is from Tulsa. Moore, tackle at Princeton, is from Tulsa.

The time has come when we want these boys at O.U., and we have as much to offer them as any other university. It depends on our alumni and friends throughout the country to interest them in O.U.

We finished the season this year with five won and three lost. This record tied us with Missouri for second place in the conference. Twenty-three men were awarded letters. They are: Capt. Bill Hamilton, Ardmor; Fenton Taylor, Durant; Heston Singletary, Oklahoma City; Tom Churchill, Oklahoma City; Curtis Berry, Norman; Weidon Gentry, Lawton; John Lee, Charleston, Missouri; Alvan Muldrow, Norman; Harry Berry, Tulsa; Martin Phillips, Mooreland; Victor Marsh, Sayre; Ellis Orr, Seminole; Clifton Shearer, Shawnee; Bob Fields, Ponca City; Bruce Drake, Oklahoma City; Abe Kitchell, Kansas City, Kansas; Al Mayhew, Oklahoma City; Paul Ward, Muskogee; Clyde Kirk, Norman; Colonel Gerford Mills, Ranger, Texas; Linwood Haskins, Enid; Frank Crider, Durant; and Earl Flint, Kingfisher.

Of this number we lose Captain Hamilton, end and tackle; Harry Berry, guard; Haskins, halfback; Drake, halfback; and Ward, fullback. These men are all fine players, and above all, true sportsmen and gentlemen. They have played the game because they liked it, and we are sorry to lose them.

The freshmen are always an unknown quantity, because you never know who is going to be eligible the next fall. About a hundred and forty checked out suits at the start of the year, and this number dwindled down to about eighty at the end of the season. They were divided into squads and played games among themselves, as well as bucking the varsity. Some of the outstanding first year men are Moore, Bennett and Potts of Durant, Odom of Henryetta, Buck of Bartlesville, Graiman of Blackwell, Stanley of Lawton, Hillis of Lawton, Bailey of Chickasha, Thomas of Chickasha, Parrish of Chickasha, Morris of Capitol Hill, Banton of Norman, Stogner of Norman, Warren of Norman, Wagg-

SOONER FOOTBALL
SCHEDULE 1929

October 5 Tentative.
October 12 Freshmen at Norman.
October 19 Texas at Dallas.
October 26 Kansas Aggies at Manhattan.
November 2 Iowa State at Norman (Dad’s Day).
November 9 Kansas at Norman (Homecoming).
November 16 Nebraska at Lincoln.
November 23 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.
November 30 Missouri at Columbia (Thanksgiving).

McBride chose Crider and Haskins, both of Oklahoma, for his second eleven halves. McMullen of Nebraska, was named by the New York Sun as a guard on that newspaper’s second All-American team.

J. C. Grover, who refereed the Nebraska-Oklahoma game, made his first team selection for the Big Six as follows: James, Nebraska center; McMullen, Nebraska, and Holm, Nebraska, (captain), guards; Smith, Missouri, and Broadstone Nebraska tackles; Brown, Missouri, and Churchill, Oklahoma, ends; Mehrle, Missouri, quarterback; Moore, Nebraska, and Trauger, Iowa State, halfbacks; Howell, Nebraska, (captain), fullback. Grover chose Berry, Oklahoma, as a guard on his second team, in which Haskins, Oklahoma, was quarterback.

McMullen seemed the most available All-American material from the Big Six conference. * * *

Big Six Stanging

Oklahoma tied for second place with its old rival, Missouri, in the first season of the Big Six conference, Nebraska holding undoubted first place.

The standings follow:

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Oklahoma’s Season

Indiana 10, Oklahoma 7.
Oklahoma 7, Creighton 0.
Oklahoma 33, Kansas Aggies 21.
Iowa State 11, Oklahoma 6.
Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 6.
Oklahoma 7, Kansas 6.
Oklahoma 49, Oklahoma Aggies 0.
Oklahoma 14, Missouri 6.

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Crider 1929 Captain

Frank Crider, brilliant halfback of the Sooners team, was chosen captain for 1929, succeeding Bill Hamilton. Bus Haskins, one of the most consistent players in the backfield in the Big Six conference, was chosen by the Sooner squad as the most valuable player. Haskins will receive the trophy awarded annually by Joseph Huckins of the Huckins hotel, Oklahoma City.

Crider’s home is in Durant. * * * * *

Wardell Named Historian

Prof. M. L. Wardell, dean of men, was elected grand historian of the Phi Eta Sigma fraternity at the national convention recently. This is a freshman honorary fraternity. Dean Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois is president of Phi Eta Sigma.