SPORTS

Something for Everyone

By David Burr, '50

Friday night's rain and subsequent postponement did little to dampen the spirits of more than ten thousand football fans that moved into Owen Stadium the following afternoon (April 21) to observe the new annual windup to spring football drills—the Alumni-Varsity football game. And before the game was over the only seriously disappointed football fans were those who arrived on Friday and were unable to stay for the Saturday game.

With the ground in fairly good playing condition, beef, brains and experience squared away against a good-looking squad of well-conditioned lettermen and varsity hopefuls.

No other game observed by Sooner fandom sported so many All-Americans in action. For the alumni, All-Americans George "Junior" Thomas, '50, Darrell Royal, '50bus, Leon Heath, '51, John Rapacz, '47, Wade Walker, '50, Frankie Anderson, '51, Stan West, '50, and Buddy Burris, '49, were ready to start. The varsity also offered its All-American, Jim Weatherall, for the encounter.

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For everyone concerned the day had been most successful. The alumni had salvaged a win that had looked like a rout during much of the first half. The fans were treated to standout performances by the old heroes and a new crop of headliners. The varsity could take comfort in the nearness of the score against a team composed of the best football talent they will see all year. The coaches should have no kicks of the best football talent they will see all year. The coaches should have no kicks of Missouri trouble—perhaps enough for a team championship.

In the middle of May the team was to have one of its severest tests at the Big Seven outdoor tourney at the University of Missouri. Because they lacked depth, the Sooners were expected to rate no better than second place favorites. Everyone, however, expected them to cause favored Missouri trouble—perhaps enough for a team championship.

Also in mid-May, the University's golf and tennis teams were to square away in Big Seven tournaments. Both teams seemed capable of winning championships. The 1950-51 sports picture was the brightest in many years.

Neville Price, South African broad jumper who joined John Jacobs' track squad at mid-term, promises to be one of the most talented O.U. trackmen. He's been clocked at 9.6 for the century and races the 220 besides jumping.