Don Hutson awes Sooners in New York—Professional ace known as 'laziest' player in football world today

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STOPPING off in New York after their Temple defeat to watch the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packer professional clubs play a 21-21 tie, the Sooners saw Don Hutson of Green Bay, the world's greatest forward pass receiver and foremost football specialist, in thrilling action.

Hutson put on a great show. Like a woman deftly plopping clothespins off a line, the pro ace tied the world's professional catching record, his 12 achievements in the game against the Giants and the Green Bay Packers in 1943

The whole Green Bay offense seemed designed about him. Sometimes he lined up at left end, sometimes at right end. Green Bay passed to him with perfect confidence anywhere outside their own 20-yard line. He had a rich variety of plays, long, short, hook and spot passes. Once he even ran back towards the scrimmage line, after taking a pass, to hand the ball to a guard.

The crowd of 30,045 came to see him play, and this was refreshingly unique. Usually a great runner like Grange, a mighty plunger like Nagurski, or a practiced passer like Baugh is the top-billed star at a pro game, not a catcher. Although Hutson played in a foreign city, every eye was on him as he moved about the field in his No. 14 black jersey and his lemon-hued helmet. In action, he looked and walked much like Dave Wallace, Sooner sophomore star.

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Wartime Travel Doesn't Bother Basketball Team

Bruce Drake, Oklahoma basketball coach whose Sooners have already dribbled to 53-29 and 43-20 victories over the Naval Reserve Aviation Base Zoomers at Norman and the Southwestern college cagers at Winfield, Kansas, likes his latest experiment of deliberately seeking wartime transportation hardships for his team during its hop to Winfield.

Striving to give his club experience with transportation difficulties, it is almost sure to encounter on all its trips this season, Drake purposely took his team to Winfield the afternoon of the game in chair cars, instead of following the pre-war luxury practice of going up a day ahead on Pullmans.

The Sooners left Norman at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon on a crowded train that was already two hours late. At 6 p.m. they had what was left in the diner after 150 soldiers had dined first. They didn't arrive at Winfield until 7:30 p.m., which was exactly the time the game was supposed to start.

However, foreseeing that the Oklahoma team would be late, Drake had wired ahead to Bill Moneypenny, Southwestern coach, and Moneypenny had taxis waiting at the Winfield station to whirl the Sooners to the Southwestern gym.

There they quickly hustled into their playing duds, ran on the floor for a quick warm-up, and, playing before a packed crowd that had good-humoredly waited from 7:30 to 8:20 for the Oklahomans to arrive, defeated the Winfield collegians and then hustled into street clothes and back down to the depot where they caught the Streamliner for home, leaving Winfield shortly after 10 p.m., arriving back at Norman after changing trains in Oklahoma City at approximately 2 a.m.

"We liked it," Drake sleepyly declared the next morning. "The boys realize there's a war on and that we're lucky to get a train of any kind for basketball travel. They stood up much of the route. However we didn't seem to suffer any fatigue.

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"It was good for another reason, too.
When they arrive just in time to play, the
ty boys don't have time to sit around in hotel
lobbies reading how good they are, or how
tough their opponents are, in the newspa-
pers. Also, it's a good deal scholastically.
You don't miss any classes."

The Sooner hardwood schedule for the
coming year:

1943
*Jan. 9 Kansas at Norman.
*Jan. 16 Kansas State at Norman.
*Jan. 19 Naval Training Station (AM) at Norman.
*Jan. 30 Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb.
*Feb. 1 Iowa State at Ames, Iowa.
*Feb. 5 Naval Training Station (AM) at Norman.
*Feb. 8 Iowa State at Norman.
*Feb. 10 Naval Reserve Aviation Base Zoomers at Norman.
*Feb. 13 Kansas State at Manhattan, Kans.
*Feb. 15 Missouri at Columbia, Mo.
*Feb. 26 Kansas at Lawrence, Kans.
*Mar. 1 Nebraska at Norman.
*Mar. 4 Oklahoma Aggies at Norman.
*Mar. 6 Missouri at Norman.
*Mar. 11 Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

*Big Six conference games.

Sooner Eleven Finishes
Second in Big Six

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's Sooner
football team not only finished second in
the Big Six football derby this fall, but their
131 points in the five conference games is
a 15-year-old conference scoring high for
Oklahoma teams, while the 20 points made
against them this fall by Big Six foes was
Oklahoma's second best defensive showing
of all time.

By tying Missouri 6-6 at Norman on No-
ember 14, Homecoming Day, the Soo-
ers became the only Big Six team ever to
stop Missouri's explosive T formation at-
ack.

Season's Last Two Games
Lost, Both Scores 14 to 7

Oklahoma closed its 1942 football season
by dropping close games to Temple at
Philadelphia November 21 and to William
and Mary's Southern conference champions
at Norman December 5. The score of each
game was 14-7.

During the hectic 1942 campaign which
saw the Sooners sending what was proba-
ably a better team off to war than they
kept, Oklahoma was outplayed by only
one club on its schedule, Tulsa, and the
Hurricane superiority lay solely in its for-
ward passing.

Three modern records for Sooner teams
were established this year by Coach Dewey
"Snorter" Luster's club:

(1) The Sooners tossed opponents for
350 yards lost rushing this year, an average
of 35 yards per game. The old record of 281
yards, of 31.2 yards per game, set by the
Oklahoma team of 1940.

(2) Oklahoma's feat of trapping Iowa
State's ball-carriers for 102 yards lost rush-
ing in that game alone (played at Ames,
Iowa, October 21) was easily a record for
a single game.

(3) Oklahoma collected 365 yards on
runbacks of intercepted forward passes, sur-
passing the old standard of 290 yards set
by last year's team. The average per game
this year was 39.5 yards.

Guard George Gibbons and Tailback
Huel Hamm were the champion work-
horses of the Sooner team this year, playing
477 minutes each out of a possible 600.

William "Red" Conkright, rangy Tulsa
who played center for Biff Jones' Soo-
ers of 1936, holds the modern Sooner record
for having toiled the most minutes in a
single season. In 1936 Conkright, without
substitution, played eight full games of a
nine-game schedule or a total of 510 of 540
minutes, 93 percent of the total time.

Mickey Parks, 230-pound center of the
1937 team, played 501 minutes and four
whole games.

Al Corrotto, hard-twisted little 165-
bounding back of the 1935, '36 and
'37 Sooner teams, has the best three-year
record with a total of 1,205 1/2 minutes,
an average of better than 401 for each of three
seasons. Corrotto averaged playing 44.6
minutes in each game for three years, which
figures out approximately three full quar-
ters.

The champion Sooner workhorses and
the runners-up for each of the last eight
seasons are:

A. P. Picks Five Sooners
For All-Big Six Team

The surprise of the season occurred after
it ended when five Sooner players, four of
them members of Oklahoma's staunch line,
were selected on the Associated Press all-
Big Six football eleven. Missouri, the cham-
pion, landed three.

Feeling something like the man who
stepped up to a punch machine and with
his first nickel got a hatful of coins in re-
turn, Oklahoma's were surprised and
pleased to learn that End Dub Lamb,
Tackle Homer Simmons, Guard Clare Mor-
ford, Center Jack Marsee and Tailback
Huel Hamm had all been honored on the
first AP team, while End Jim Tyree and
Blocking Back Bill Campbell made the
second eleven.

Campbell was selected on the Kansas
City Star's first team, named by C. E.
McBride, veteran sports editor, who tabbed
him as the best blocking back in the league
and wrote that an all-star football team
without a blocking back was like an auto-
mobile without an engine.