



Capt. L. R. Wingfield, coach of the outstanding 1939 Sooner polo team

## Sports Review

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**A**LTHOUGH it still had two games to play at this writing, both with the Oklahoma Academy four of Claremore May 18 and 20 at Norman, Capt. Lindsey R. Wingfield's University of Oklahoma polo team already has established itself as the finest aggregation developed at the University in the last seven years.

Back in 1931 the University had a polo team, coached by Capt. J. J. Waters, that went to the finals of the National Collegiate tournament at Woodmere, Long Island, losing to Army, 9 to 6.

The Sooner team that year was composed of Clyde Watts at No. 1, hard-riding, hard-hitting J. Brac McKinley at No. 2, Clyde Chastain at 3 and Joe Barnhill, an excellent long-hitting back, at 4. Oklahoma attracted wide attention from the trip, even shipping a string of 18 ponies across the continent.

In 1932, the following year, the same Oklahoma team with the exception of the No. 1 position in which Bob Hert replaced Watts who had graduated, swept its fall and spring intercollegiate schedule, winning twenty consecutive games, but had to pass up the national because of prohibitive cost.

This year's squad probably ranks close to the 1931 and 1932 aggregations. So far this season it has won 17 of 19 games, including a string of nine consecutive

victories this spring. This record looms impressive when it is considered that 12 of the 19 games were played on foreign fields with the Sooner players riding strange ponies.

The complete record for 1938-39:

		FALL		
*Oklahoma	11,	Texas Aggies	4	
*Oklahoma	4,	Texas Aggies	3	
*Oklahoma	2,	New Mexico M. I.	7	
*Oklahoma	6	New Mexico, M. I.	7	
Oklahoma	9,	Missouri	5	
Oklahoma	11,	Missouri	3	
Oklahoma	12	Claremore Cadets	3	
Oklahoma	11,	Claremore Cadets	1	
*Oklahoma	10,	Claremore Cadets	0	
*Oklahoma	12,	Claremore Cadets	3	
	88		36	
		SPRING		
Oklahoma	10,	Texas Aggies	0	
*Oklahoma	5,	Claremore Cadets	4	
*Oklahoma	7,	Claremore Cadets	6	
Oklahoma	4,	New Mexico M. I.	3	
Oklahoma	4,	New Mexico M. I.	3	
*Oklahoma	13,	Iowa State	5	
Oklahoma	9,	Iowa State	5	
*Oklahoma	8,	Missouri	7	
*Oklahoma	7,	Missouri	2	
	67		35	

\*Away from Norman games.

The Sooner riders have doubled the score on their opponents over the span of both the fall and spring campaign, 155 goals to 71 goals.

Leading scorer of Captain Wingfield's

team is Jerry Galbreath, clever No. 3 from Tulsa. Galbreath has hit 62 goals this year, 39 last fall and 23 so far this spring, and lacks only eight of equaling the combined total of all Oklahoma's opponents. He was hottest last fall when he scored eight goals in one game against Claremore here.

The individual scoring table to date:

	FALL	SPRING	TOTAL
Jerry Galbreath	39	23	62
Harry Hill	10	16	26
Jim Hester	14	10	24
Tommy Aycock	8	9	17
Alex Check	10	0	10
Ray Mayhall	0	6	6
Ed Ramsey	3	0	3
Basil McCampbell	0	2	2
Frank Noe	2	0	2

Two additional Oklahoma goals were accidentally kicked by ponies and in one of the New Mexico games last fall, a Roswell player accidentally hit one in for the Sooners.

### Longest baseball game

What is the longest baseball game a University of Oklahoma team ever played?

Several old-timers probably recall it, the 20-inning contest played between the Sooner and Oklahoma Aggie teams on old Boyd Field on April 25, 1912, and ending in a 1 to 1 tie score.

Here is the way the line score of this famous battle looked:

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								R.	H.	E.
000	000	000	010	000	000	00	1	9	5	
								R.	H.	E.

Batteries: Aggies, Billings and Smiser; Sooners, Courtright and Clark.

I wrote Ray "Corky" Courtright, the Sooner pitcher that day who is now a member of the University of Michigan athletic coaching staff, and asked him what he remembered about the game and his reply is interesting.

"Some of the spectators went home to supper and then came back and saw several innings," Ray recalls.

"Billings, the Aggie pitcher, was also a good hitter and I remember that in the 20th inning, when it was quite dark, he hit a line drive right at my head. I had only a glimpse of the ball and just time to put my gloved hand in front of my face. The ball stuck in the glove and very few of the players or spectators knew where the ball was."

In the Sooner lineup that day was Claude Reeds at first base, Glen Swanson at second, Renshaw at third and Neil Johnson at short. The outfield consisted of Charley Orr, Morrison Toomer and Jim Bailey. Glenn "Shorty" Clark was the catcher. In the 11th inning Coach Bennie Owen substituted Winn for Swanson and Morgan for Bailey.

The Aggie lineup included Perdue, centerfield, Smiser (who later came to the University) catcher, Wells shortstop, Santee left field, Woodson right field, Camp-

bell first base, Billings pitcher, Allen third base and Merry second base.

Charley Wantland, a back on Bennie Owen's powerful football team of 1908, was the umpire.



### Coaches golf team

Courtright, who also played football and basketball at the university, is coach of the Michigan golf team and shoots a mean round himself upon the few occasions he comes to Norman for a visit.

"We use to call it 'cow pasture pool' when Peavine Trout and Daddy O'Hern had three holes out in Peavine's cow pasture in the old days there at Norman," Courtright reveals, "Since learning to play and being associated with the team here at Michigan, I believe it is the best sport of them all."



### Football

Officially, Sooner football has suspended until September 10, when Big Six rules permit fall practice to start. But Sooner fans keep talking about it.

In the final Spring scrimmage it became evident that the Sooners will have three outstanding running backs to go with the veteran Howard "Red" McCarty from the tailback position. They are Beryl Clark of Cherokee, Jack Jacobs of Muskogee and Orville Matthews of Chickasha.

Clark, a little 165-pound fellow who played only in a few fourth quarters last year, has made astonishing improvement. He ran the opening kickoff back almost to midfield, nearly getting away, and with runs of 14, 12 and 17 yards, lugged the ball to the two-yard line where it was an easy matter for Jack Steele, freshman from Lone Wolf, to play across for the touchdown. During this drive Clark also pegged a pass to Marvin Whited, Hollis freshman, and kicked the point after touchdown.

Jacobs, favoring a sore arch, confined himself to forward passing and completed two clever throws, one to J. S. Munsey, Norman freshman, for 30 yards and the other to Paul Woodson, Oklahoma City freshman, for 10 yards.

Matthews got loose for runs of 14 and 22 yards around end and hurled a pass to Lyle Smith, Fairview freshman, for 45 yards and a touchdown that was called back because Smith had stepped out on the 14-yard line.

After the drill Coach Stidham said:

"Our line should be stronger next year but not faster. Our backfield will be faster but far greener.

"We have worked hard on our freshmen and they seem to be getting our idea. I think the blocking has improved.

"We have had only two major casualties and each of them will be ready to go next fall. L. J. Friedrichs, freshman back, cracked up a knee and Allen Fender broke his ankle but they'll be ready next fall right along with McCarty, Jerry Bolton and Bill Jennings, our three cripples from last season. All of these boys will swim, play golf and

*Coach Tom Stidham's Sooner football team will probably have the biggest blocking back in the nation next fall in Ralph "Fats" Harris, 240-pound (in trim) sophomore from Stroud. He blocks and backs the line and is surprisingly speedy for his heft. In the Oklahoma spring practice, Harris looked very useful.*



do lots of walking this summer to strengthen their legs."

Jennings rated sixth in the entire nation last season in receiving forward passes, with a total of 23. Sam Boyd, Baylor end, was national leader with 32. McCarty was one of the outstanding backs of last season until he received serious leg injuries in the Sooner-Aggie game at Stillwater.

The Sooner football schedule for 1939 was still not definitely complete as this magazine goes to press. Athletic Director Stidham was trying to schedule another in December, to make the home slate more attractive.



### Former cagers find success

Arthur Edson, sports writer for the *Oklahoma City Times*, recently selected an unofficial all-time basketball team from O. U.'s past stars and concluded that he found good evidence that boys who star in basketball also tend to star in business and their professions. The following is Reporter Edson's all-star team and the interesting things he found in following up these basketball stars of the past.

There never has been an official all-time all-star University of Oklahoma basketball team, but just to get the argument started, let's pick one. How does this lineup look to you?

Forwards—Bud Browning and Fred Wallace.

Center—Vic Holt.

Guards—Bruce Drake and Roy LeCrone.

Well, what are the boys up to now?

Bud Browning, who scatted for O. U. in 1933, 1934 and 1935, is with the Phillips Petroleum Company at Bartlesville. He got his job be-

cause he could play basketball like all get-out; he kept it because he had been a good student in O. U.'s College of Business Administration.

In fact, Bud did so well in his fulltime job that the company advised him to drop his part-time basketball altogether, despite the fact he was zipping them in with the same old zest for the Phillips Oilers.

Fred Wallace, who burned up the league in 1924, a law student while Soonering, is now a prominent barrister in Los Angeles. Over in El Reno last week they hanged a man for saying Wallace wasn't the greatest basketball player that ever lived. Apparently he is doing almost as well with his law books.

Vic Holt, 1928, has been going up and up for an Ohio rubber company, just as he used to go up to slap in those rebounds. Vic went into the sales department, is now sales manager for the entire United States in peddling his company's favorite tubes.

Bruce Drake, 1927-29, is coaching O. U., as you've doubtless gathered for yourself if you've been within ten feet of a sports page at any time this winter. It's a little too early to say that Bruce will whiz at coaching as he once whizzed on the court, but there are signs pointing that general direction.

Roy LeCrone, 1926-28, went into the pedagogue business, is even now hard at his teaching in the Comanche, Oklahoma high school—a career which isn't spectacular but it's plenty steady.

For subs you can have such men as Andy Beck, class of '33, who went to Harvard from O. U., seemed headed for an outstanding career when death so untimely overtook him; Floyd "Mickey" McBride, 1926, now basketball coach and athletic director at Ada's East Central Teachers College or John Dunlap, who was graduated the same year Mickey did.

John was known as one of the greatest vocal guards in O. U. history. If he couldn't stop a man any other way, he could always talk him out of it. Indeed, Dunlap talked so well he's still at it, talking coaches into buying his sports equipment.