**They Led the Way to Big Six Victory**

Here in repose are the twin pistons of the steamy football attack that this year propelled Oklahoma to a Big Six championship, Tailback Derald Lebow (left), Okmulgee sophomore, and Fullback Bob Brumley, former Rice Star.

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### By Harold Keith

By defeating Missouri 20-13 in a thrilling battle at Columbia November 13 before the Tiger Homecoming crowd on a still day, Oklahoma’s Sooners, tutored by the first graduate coach ever to handle a Sooner team, Dewey “Snorter” Luster of Chickasha, captain of Bennie Owen’s undefeated Sooners of 1920, won the 1943 Big Six championship.

The Sooners still had one game to play, against Nebraska’s young civilian club at Lincoln, Nebraska, November 27, but even if the Sooners lost it, they would still retain the crown. It is the second Big Six conference football title Oklahoma has won in the 16-year life of the new league.

**Oklahoma 20, Missouri 13**

Although Missouri’s all-civilian team, biggest outfit the Sooners have met this season, was heavily favored to trim Oklahoma, the crippled Sooners astonished the Midlains by upsetting the golden-jerseyed Tigers with a far better-balanced offensive.

Sooners hearts sank low when Missouri, operating off her modified T formation, received the opening kickoff and with a magnificent show of power and deception came roaring back 60 yards to a touchdown in six plays with Don “Bull” Reece, 235-pound fullback who carried the ball on half the plays, catapulting across the goal. End Jack Morton missed goal.

But the Sooners, playing without Left End Dub Wooten and Left Tackle Lee Kennon, quickly stiffened and when, at the end of the first quarter, Tailback Derald Lebow of Oklahoma quick-kicked 64 yards dead on the Tiger five and Reece, after fielding a lateral, was hit hard and fumbled, Dinkins of Oklahoma recovered on the Tiger 26. Then the Sooners went over in five plays, Lebow passing to Charley Heard for 22 yards and bucking three yards off tackle for the touchdown on fourth down. Bob Brumley missed goal.

Two minutes later occurred the game’s most thrilling play. Lebow hit Brumley with a pass in the right flat and Brumley, using every wile in the rich repertoire he collected during his three years at Rice, fought down the right sideline 46 yards to a touchdown, dully decoying the Tiger tacklers out of his narrow path and faking and side-stepping. Brumley then kicked goal and Oklahoma led at the half, 13 to 6.

After carrying the battle to Missouri all the way through the third quarter, the Sooners again cashed in on their superlative punting when Lebow kicked out of bounds on the Tiger eight-yard mark. Guard Fulghum then blocked Missouri’s return punt deep in Tiger territory, Bob Mayfield recovering on the Tiger 20 and from there Oklahoma quickly scored in four plays off their telling pass-and-fake-pass sequence. Lebow ripping over on second down. Brumley’s conversion boot glanced over the crossbar and the Sooners led 20 to 6 early in the fourth quarter.

Missouri’s courageous rally in the game’s dying moments when trailing by 14 points then followed, the Tigers eating up the green turf with their explosive running game and driving 37 yards to score. Quarterbacks Paul Collins squirmed across and Morton kicked goal.

Oklahoma slowed the Tiger’s voracious running game with a 5-4-2 defense that was virtually a nine-man line, gambling that the mediocre Missouri forward-passing wouldn’t elude Heard and Brumley, the Sooner two-man secondary. The Sooners were so crippled from the unprecedented loss of a dozen players from injuries already this year that eight Oklahomans played the full 60 minutes, two more went 30 minutes and the eleventh man 52 against Missouri. Bill Dellastatious, Missouri back, dislocated his elbow in the first quarter and was the hard-fought contest’s only casualty.

**Oklahoma 26, Kansas 13**

This was the game in which the small Sooner Homecoming throng froze with apprehension when eight of Oklahoma’s eleven starters left the clash because of injuries. The contest was played November 6 at Norman, one week before the crucial Tiger battle.

Opening the game with their usual fury, Oklahoma struck twice for touchdowns behind the strong north wind in the first quarter and led 14-0. Brumley ran them down to the goal and Lebow whirled across for the first. Lebow passed to End Omer Burgert for the second.

The Sooners made it 19-0 at the half by driving 84 yards to a touchdown against the powerful wind, all of it on running plays by the 167-pound Sooner backfield.

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prepared for circulation in the near future, as an aid to the University administration in planning for the future; (8) The Association sponsored the manufacture of an album of phonograph records made from recordings by the O. U. Glee Club, and more than half the albums had been sold before delivery to Norman; (9) Chief attention of the Alumni Office staff is still devoted to the fundamental responsibilities of publishing Sooner Magazine every month, and maintaining and improving alumni records, with special attention to records of war participation by alumni.

Executive board members present for the meeting were T. R. Benedum, Norman, president of the Association; Elmer L. Fraker, Mangum; Hiram Impson, McAlester; C. H. Fawks, Oklahoma City; Granville Norris, Muskogee; Merle Woods, El Reno; Fred E. Tarman, Norman; George D. Hann, Ardmore, and Harry Simmons, Stillwater.

Visitors

Several Sooners just back from foreign posts of duty with the armed forces were among visitors last month in the Alumni Office.

Among those who signed the register were Mrs. W. J. Armstrong (Minnie Lee Burrus, ’15), Oklahoma City; Mrs. Ray T. Lehman (Margaret McLeod, ’43bus), Guthrie; Mary Ann Batchelor, ’36ed, Durant; Ano Kay Swinney, ’43ed, Durant. Edna Mae Simmonds, ’42ed, Guthrie; Patricia Hoops, ’43ed, Henryetta; Gene Campbell, ’42journ, Oklahoma City; James Dugger, ’43chem, medical student in the Navy, Oklahoma City; Robert N. Ross, ’21pharm, and Mrs. Ross of Oklahoma City; Lt. Robert L. Lunsford III, ’43ba, Fort Sill; Willie Burns, ’42ed, Tulsa; Janet Werner, ’42journ, Kansas City Missouri.


Marjorie Trent, ’43journ, Oklahoma City; Sgt. Wilson Hervey, ’40, formerly with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific; Ernestine Brown, ’39journ, Oklahoma City; Mrs. James Beach (Hattie Lee, ’39bus), Burbank, California, and Pfc. Cullen Joe Holland, ’37journ, of the Army Air Force at Will Rogers Field.

Milsten Re-elected by Lawyers

Travis Milsten, ’22ba, Tulsa attorney, was re-elected president of the University of Oklahoma Law School Association at its annual meeting following the State Bar Convention in Oklahoma City.

Other officers elected are A. O. Manning, ’09-13, Fairview, vice president; John Pearson, ’29law, Pawhuska, secretary, and

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Dixie McDaniel, of O. U.'s Choral Club, and a few of the Glee Club-Choral Club record albums left after those spoken for were shipped.

Ernest R. Brown, ’22law, Pryor, treasurer.

Twenty-four directors, including eleven judges, were elected as directors of the Association for the coming year. They are Justice Alfred P. Murrah, ’28law, of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Royce H. Savage, ’27law, of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.


Judge Leslie Webb, ’20law, of the District Court of Tulsa County; Judge Clarence Mills, ’23law, of the District Court of Oklahoma County; Dick Jones, ’27law, presiding judge of the Criminal Court of Appeals; Dan Mitchell, ’23law, Enid; T. R. Benedum, ’28law, Norman; Jess Miracle, ’21-25, Okemah.


The Association, in addition to electing new officers, accepted the recommendation of the Board of Directors to authorize gifts and bequests to the Law School Association designated for the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

An anonymous gift of $5,000 to the Law School Educational Fund was announced. The fund was created at a September meeting of the Association for the advancement of the Law School and the assistance of deserving students.

The establishment of a Hall of Fame was also announced, with Mr. Benedum as chairman of the Hall of Fame project.

The statewide meeting of the Association was addressed by John G. Hervey, ’25law, dean of the Law School, who reported on the work already done by the state committee on postwar assistance to lawyers in service of the Oklahoma Bar Association. Dean Hervey is chairman of the committee.

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Brumley put it over with a 40-yard off-tackle buck during which he neatly faked Robert George, Kansas safety, out of his path. Brumley also prevented two Kansas touchdowns, overhauling George from behind after the latter ran 44 yards and broke into the clear, and earlier intercepting a Jayhawk pass on the Sooner three.

Coach Henry Shenk's Jayhawkers, exhibiting the same aggressiveness that two weeks later enabled them to score a 7-6 upset victory over Missouri at Lawrence, dominated the last half. George wrote an exclamation point behind a 57-yard Kansas drive by crossing the goal on an off-tackle cut-back, and later forward-passed to Wingback John Bergin for another score. Oklahoma counted when the alert Burgert "smelled" a Kansas screen pass, intercepted the ball and galloped 39 yards to score.

OKLAHOMA 21, IOWA STATE 7

In this game, played at Norman October 30, the most terrific south wind that has blown at a Norman game since the Sooner-Washington State contest five years ago swept Owen field, ruining Iowa State's classy forward pass attack and restricting each club's offense to the two quarters in which each was aided by the wind, unryly breeze.

As usual, the Sooners struck a one-two punch in the first quarter behind the wind, Brumley sweeping the weakside end standing for the first behind crisp blocks by Heard, Kennon and Lloyd Meinert, and Lebow slanting off guard for the second. Oklahoma led 14-0.

Iowa State scored in the third quarter when Wingback Joe Noble faked a pass, then ran 16 yards to score in the corner of the field, his body raising a puff of white chulk there as Lebow's desperate tackle upended him. Oklahoma cinched it in the fourth by marching 58 yards to the goal, Lebow rifling forward passes to Brumley for 22 and 9 yards then hitting Wooten across the line with a pass that streaked like a bullet.

Previous to the Iowa State game, Oklahoma licked Kansas State 37-0 in the mud at Manhattan.

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