Soo ner Sports

By Harold Keith

In a suddenly-scheduled football game booked only four days before it was played, the University of Oklahoma's junior team defeated the Hondo, Texas, Army Air Field Fliers, 21 to 6, at Norman September 22.

Sparkling T formation play and emergence of a Oklahoma team looked almost as good as the Sooner starters were high points of the contest for Sooner fandom.

Coach Dewey "Sooner" Luster's new T attack brought 218 of the 257 net yards Oklahoma gained including two long Oklahoma touchdown runs. Oklahoma used 25 T formation running plays and 20 single wingback running plays, but the cutting T offense average 8.7 yards per play while the single wing gained only 1.7 yards per carry.

In the first five minutes, Wingback Bill Irvin, first player the university has had in years from Bartlesville (last year he quarterbacked the university's all-victorious junior varsity T formation attack), raced 63 yards to a touchdown off a weakness T play.

The play seemed ideally built for Hondo's five-four defense. Tackle Tommy Tallchief nudged the Oklahoma tackle over on the end. Center Bob Bodenhammer eroded the Hondo middle man. Guard Don Tillman threw the key block, uncoupling the Hondo linebacker. All Irvin had to do was accept Cliff Stone's hand pass, lay his ears back and run. The Oklahoma safety had been decoyed to the strongside. Bodenhammer kicked goal.

Hondo gained the tornado south wind in the second quarter and capitalizing on an intercepted pass, pushed Fullback George Boner, 200-pounder who formerly played at Bucknell University, down on another fast-breaking T play, cutting for the fourth quarter. They did their work well as rough play by the Sooners. Hondo was penalized 41 yards.

With Oklahoma leading only 7-6, Luster sent the fresh Sooner second back on the gridiron for the fourth quarter. They did their work well against the tired fliers.

Johnny Steward, 160-pound scatback and naval trainee from Los Angeles, ran 45 yards to a touchdown on another fast-breaking T play, cutting away from the beefy Hondo backs in the secondary. Bodenhammer kicked goal. The Sooner third team advanced to the Hondo three and Jack Venables, navy trainee fullback from Little Rock, Arkansas, bucked the ball over for the final Sooner touchdown. Again Bodenhammer, the freshman from Waurika High School, unerringly did his stuff.

While tying Ellington Field 7-7 the week before, Hondo had rolled up 189 net yards to minus 41 for Ellington. On the same day the Sooners scooted past Hondo for the 21-6 victory, Ellington fell before Texas Aggies 54-0. So the Sooner triumph over Hondo wasn't a signal one, and the Oklahoma-Texas Aggie game at Norman October 6 will be a hard one to win for Oklahoma.

Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle and Luster scoured the state looking for new players. Oklahoma has many new players before Oklahoma meets Nebraska September 29 in the college opener at Lincoln. The game served its purpose, 41 Sooners playing against Hondo.

The first downs were 7-6, Oklahoma, but the net running yardage was Oklahoma 252, Hondo 46.

Omer "Preach" Burgert, 180-pound Sooner wing from Enid enrolled in the navy medical school at Oklahoma City, was Oklahoma's outstanding player, coming in hard from left end to wreck a dozen Hondo plays and cause Cunningham to lose 41 yards.

Sooner shorts. . . John Harley, Jr., Oklahoma's all-Big Six tackle from Tulsa, is lost for the season because of a knee injury that was operated on at the navy hospital. . . Basil Sharp, Bob Brindle, Everett Harrell and Elmer Friday, all first-stringers, all missed the Hondo game because of injuries and ineligibility. . . Clifford Stone, the Sooners' starting block against Hondo, played football at Antlers High School 1934-35, and at Durant Teachers College 1938-39, then was with the 45th Division through the Sicilian Salerno-Anzio-Rome-Southern France-Rhineland and Central Germany battles. . . Stone had 511 days of actual combat. wasn't wounded, received his discharge in June and enrolled at Oklahoma to study petroleum engineering. . . he is married and has a 21-month-old son.

Three state radio stations will carry all nine of the University of Oklahoma's college football games this autumn, Athletic Director Dale Arbuckle has announced.

Sponsored by the Bell Clothing Company of Oklahoma City, KOMA of Oklahoma City and KTUL of Tulsa will broadcast all nine games, Curt Gowdy at the mike. WNAD of Norman, the university station, will relay Gowdy's broadcast of all road games but will originate all six Norman games through Sports caster Paul Hunt, including Saturday's opener with the Texas, Texas, Army Air Field Comets here.

Walter Kraft, president of the Sooner athletic council, emphasized Wednesday that no radio station has an exclusive right to broadcast the Sooner football schedule this autumn.

"All stations broadcasting our games this fall pay all their own expenses. The university athletic department furnishes only a broadcasting booth," Kraft explained.

"Any station carrying all nine of our 1945 college games may have them for $100 per game," Kraft went on. "Any station wanting one game only must pay $1,000, two games only $500 per game, three games only $400 per game and for four or more games $300 per game. This is the policy recently adopted by the university athletic council."

Pittsburg County Alumni

D. D. Kirkland, '33med, superintendent of McAlester schools, was elected president of the Pittsburg County Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma at an organization meeting September 17.

Other officers named were J. E. Jinks, '42ma, superintendent of Quinton schools, vice president; and Miss Mary Jane Bender, '44ba, McAlester, secretary-treasurer. Seven board of directors will be elected at the next meeting.

Dr. George L. Cross, University president, and Ted Beaird, executive secretary and manager of the University association, attended the meeting to assist with the organization.

Dr. Cross stressed the contributions made by research and science at the University and told of future University expansion and building plans.

Plans were outlined by Mr. Beaird for the organization of the county alumni association. A recording was made of a short interview given by alumni and was broadcast over the University station, WNAD.

Those in attendance were Walter J. Arnote, '28law, Mabel Aston, '42ma, Lotta Bettex, '30ba. (Continued on page 16)

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Miss Washington of 1945

Dorothy Powell, '41-'42, formerly of Wetumka, was named "Miss Washington of 1945" in the preliminary contests leading up to the "Miss America" contest last month, and placed sixth in the finals at Atlantic City.

A brunette beauty with Cherokee Indian blood, Miss Powell has been working as a model in Washington. After the contest she received an offer from a New York musical agency with the prospect of being placed in a play or musical show. Before going to Washington two years ago she was a Lily Dache hat model in New York.

Miss Powell makes her home in Washington with her sister, Mrs. Alyne Hines, former secretary in the Alumni Association offices.