Panthers to Wrestle Sooners

The Iowa Teachers wrestling team of Cedar Falls, national collegiate runners-up two years ago, will wrestle Coach Port Robertson’s Oklahoma Panthers, Big Seven conference champions, here this winter on a date to be set later.

Coach Dave McCutsey’s Panthers had three men on the United States Olympic Wrestling team this summer—Bill Koll, 145; and Bill Nelson 160. The Sooners have lost three veterans from last year, Jim Eagleton, 165; Leger Stecker, 175, and Kenneth Watson, 145, but keep Bob Higgins, Shawnee, 121; Orville Wise, Tulsa, 128; Charles Keiter, Waterloo, Iowa, 135; Leonard Marcotte, Parcell, 155, and Henry Schreiner, Seminole heavyweight.

Football Roundup

Oklahoma should make and yield football points in greater profusion this year even more so, than last, a glance at Coach Bill Wilkinson’s material, now hard at work at Owen Field, reveals.

Better forward passing and speedier pass receivers should lift the offense to a two-dimensional status. However, loss of such linemen as Tackles Tom Tillman, left, and Ned Davis, right,防护the offense and is the No. 1 forward-passer.

Because the Sooners of 1947, Big Six co-champs, averaged only 19.4 points per game to their opponents’ 16.1 and scored only 2.8 touchdowns per game to their adversaries’ 2.4, almost even. The difference seemed to lie in the team’s missing and fighting spirit, and also in the expert conversion booting of Dave Wallace. With Wallace kicking extra points, the Sooners have lost no close games the last two seasons. But now Wallace is gone.

“We were behind in eight ball games last year,” Wilkinson analyzes it. “We never could win impressively. We weren’t a real good football team. We got by on spirit and condition.”

Loss by graduation of the two top offensive fullbacks, Eddy Davis and Ed Kreick, leaves Oklahoma without the bucking threat down the middle all coaches like. Two sophomores, Leon Heath of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Tillman, a doubts starter because of a slowly-mending arm broken last winter when in a auto in which he was riding struck a steer on the highway at night.

The second team line lacks experience at both ends positions. Here’s the way it shapes up now: LE, Ken Tippis; LT, Truman Wright; LG, Norman McNabb; C, Charles Dowell; RG, Dave Andros; RT, Nute Trotter; Tackles-Lu Gambino of Maryland and Fullbacks-Tillman, Oklahoma City; Quarterback-John Rauch of Georgia.

Gator Bowl Team Selected

The University of Oklahoma placed five men on the first annual all-time all-star Gator Bowl Football Team selected by members of the Gator Bowl Association, Inc.

The Sooners given berths were Halfback Joe Golding, Eufaula, Fullback Eddy Davis, Muskogee; Center John Rapaz, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Guard Plato Andros, Oklahoma City, and End Jim Tuttle, Oklahoma City. Oklahoma’s five places led single school representation. The University of Georgia landed four on the all-star aggregation and Maryland two.

The teams Emil—Dan Edwards of Georgia and Tennessee; Tackles—Ray Krouse of Maryland and Jack Bush of Georgia; Guards—Herb St. John of Georgia and Andros; Centers—Lu Gambino of Maryland, and Golding; Fullback—Davis; Quarterback—John Rauch of Georgia.

Sooner Sports

Crosscountry Practice

Opening against Colonel Frank Anderson’s Texas Aggies, whose four-mile relay team won last year at both the Texas and Kansas Relays, Coach John Jacobs’ University of Oklahoma erossemsountry lastyear and he holds the university’s championship belt.

Returning lettermenfrom Jacobs’ Big Seven team has begun practice.

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Besides, he was one of the best spot-punters in the conference. He had a 40-yard punt.

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Dr. Oliver E. Benson, chairman of the department of government at the University of Oklahoma, has traveled in 11 foreign countries. He holds a Doctor of Political Science Degree from the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and the Graduate Institute of International Studies.

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LT. CLIFFORD F. DROWN

Air Force Officer Graduates

First Lt. Clifford F. Drown, ’40, of Oklahoma City was graduated recently from a two year course in engineering science at the U.S.A.F. Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Lieutenant Drown was a member of a class totaling 131 officers who were graduated, some in engineering sciences and others in industrial administration. The Institute of Technology offers the two courses to aid in the development of Air Force officers for the best possible leadership in carrying out the responsibilities of research, development and procurement in the U. S. Air Force.

Prior to entering the Air Force, Lieutenant Drown attended Oklahoma A&M. College and the University of Oklahoma. During the war he served extensively as an infantry platoon leader with the 78th Division in Europe.

Openhouse at Cotton Bowl

Openhouse for all visiting Sooners—students and alumni—will be held following the Sooners’ game vs. Texas A&M. here at the Cotton Bowl game October 9 by the University of Oklahoma Association, and will be directed by the Dallas club of the alumni group.

Immediately following the annual fall classic, all Sooners are invited to the Picnic Pavilion of the Texas State Fairground, which is located across the street from the Cotton Bowl.

Dallas officials who are in charge of the openhouse are headed by Jerry J. Nolan, ’39hus, Dallas Alumni president; Cotton Mendenhall, ’35hus, vice-president; Joe Mekan, ’43eng, secretary; Henry McConnell, ’36hus, treasurer, and Walter Ditzler, ’43ba, 17law, past president, are directing the arrangements for the celebration.

The Dallas officers advise that the Picnic Pavilion Building will be well marked.

Carl Mason Franklin, newly-appointed executive vice-president of the University, held five degrees. They included a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Virginia.