Sooner Cagers Win 11, Drop 4

Big things are expected from Oklahoma University's fast moving basketball luminaries this season. The prospects for a championship club seem fully determined.

As director of athletics and head football coach at the University of Maryland on a reported five-year contract at $12,000 per year, President George L. Cross announced.

Charles "Bud" Wilkinson, Tatum's chief assistant last fall, was appointed head O. U. football coach on a four-year contract following the resignation of Tatum. His salary has not been disclosed.

Sooner Sports

A trio of other all-conference athletes being heavily counted upon to see a lot of action during this year's rough grind. Back from the Navy after 36 months is Kenneth Pryor, a clever passer with a variety of shots, who was named to the Sooner team as a freshman in 1944. A pair that paced last year's Sooners are Paul Courty, tall, freakish-shooting sophomore forward who formerly piloted Navy planes, and Jack Landon, fine all-Big Six guard in 1945 and '46.

Pryor is one of the finest high school athletes ever to be produced in Oklahoma, having been nominated for all-state honors three consecutive years; first at Terral, then at Friendship and finally at Capitol Hill, while playing under his coach-dad, John Pryor, former Durant Teachers star. Kenneth played with the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Air Station team in 1945.

Pryor was one of the hottest left-handed jump shots in the business. Courty was second only to Kansas' Charley Black in conference scoring last year. He's 6-3, weighs 187 pounds, and hails from Windsor, Missouri. As a sophomore in 1945, Landon, 6-1, 175, twice stopped Cecil Hankins, Oklahoma Aggie flash, with one field goal. A fine passer, screener and team man, Jack attended high school at Oklahoma City Capitol Hill.

Big, hollow-angled Dick Reich, veteran of 1942, 43 and 46 seasons, is one of the most polished Sooner cagers and has been Drake's choice for a starting guard position in most of the successful December campaigns. The first experienced war veteran to return to the campus last spring, the Oklahoma City lad served as a lieutenant in the Marines and was awarded the Purple Heart for a foot injury received while leading a rifle platoon through 26 days of Iwo Jima hell.

It's not too easy sledding for the older and more experienced hands who are having to hustle plenty to ward off the challenge of a host of fine, young cagers for starting positions. Drake's reliable reserves include:

Don Buclow, Enid, a fine ballhawk and dribbler... won letters in 1944, 45 and 46... stood six feet... weighs 157.

Harley Day... a spring-legged freshman from Ada, whose weird but accurate shots are especially noticeable... played at East Central College, Ada, and Norman Naval Skyjackets... is a pupil of Lloyd McBride, 26ths, former Sooner star.

Harold Hines... tagged "Scooter" because of speed and size... is only 5 1/2... former state basketball all-conference and all-state selection.
high school badminton and tennis champion, at Oklahoma City Central... lettered at O. U. in 1945 and 46, good shot and backhand passer... served in Navy.

Jack Hughes... ace of Muskogee high school's state runners-up last year, coached by John Grayson, who played with McDermott's Sooner Boy Scat of 1938... 5'9, 160 pounds... served 30 months with Army Parasproces... was awarded Purple Heart.

James Jones... towers 6-4... played last season on Gerald Tucker's service team in Japan... from Tulsa but played high school ball in Illinois.

Paul Merchant... one of Coach Drake's pre-war freshmen of 1942... promising passer and shot-maker... played at Tulsa Webster High School... spent 36 months in Navy.

Jimmy Mitchell... another 22 freshman who joined the 42 is back trying for his first varsity letter... from Oklahoma City Classen High School... 6 feet, 180 pounds.

Charles Page... joined Navy Air Corps after playing freshman ball in 1942... played in 1945 with Iowa Pre-Flight's Sealsharks... even 6 feet tall, 170 pounds... from Oklahoma City Classen... married.

Bill Waters... 6-5, 208-pound center who is sharing spotlight with starters... freshman with no previous college experience... fine under-the-basket man with deadly shot... was all-state high school center at Capitol Hill two years ago... served in Navy Corps.

Wayne Speegle... freshman from Oklahoma City Capitol Hill... only 18... 6-2, 150 pounds.

Jack Watkins... a pre-war freshman in 1942 from Tribee... was ace of Coach Jack Bae's Big Six championship football hurling staff last year... pitched in National College All-Star game and held opposition scoreless... served 40 months in the service.

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The University of Texas is planning a new basketball arena to seat 20,000 fans. They also plan to enlarge Memorial football stadium from 42,000 capacity to 60,000 and add lights with the avowed purpose of scheduling big teams.

A recent visitor on the campus was a life member of the Oklahoma City Fandom... another name should be added to the ticket. That's what we need a Field House.

The University of Maryland, rumored to be after grid mentor Jim Tatum, plans to construct a $1,400,000 stadium seating 50,000, so built that it could be enlarged to seat 90,000 double-decked. Michigan State will enlarge its present 27,000-capacity stadium to a stadium-dormitory seating 52,000. The Orange Bowl, at Miami, Florida, is planning to double-deck its present plant.

The one we have now looks like an Oklahoma A. & M. barn. We need a Field house.

Besides "Warming"—It's Hot

Bench Warming with BRYAN

Tonight approximately 6,000 fortunate fans will pack the Field house to watch Phog Allen's Jayhawkers crash with Bruce Drake's Sooners in the renewal of an old conference rivalry.

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"Mike" is one congressman who, paradoxically, got his start in journalism—his old love—via politics, and then into politics through journalism. At least, that's the way he jokingly put it when asked how he entered into politics, after he had been a reporter for five years.

The Democratic congressman spun this yarn recently in an informal afterdinner talk to members of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, and Theta Sigma Phi, honorary professional women's journalism fraternity. "Mike," who is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, was guest of honor at the dinner.

"When I was a student at O. U., the editor of the Daily was elected by the student body," "Mike" explained, with a twinkle in his eye. "Before one election, we convinced the election committee that another name should be added to the ticket. That's how I came in—l was nominated.

On election day, I learned through the grapevine that I was slightly behind," he said, smiling. "We had to do something about it. Then we suddenly realized that the students in the Infirmary had not voted, and, by all means, should not be deprived the right of franchise.

After persuading the election committee to allow those students to vote, we arranged to have... (Continued on page 28)
O.U. School of Pharmacy has complete collection of Sooner Yearbooks. Begun several years ago by Librarian Mrs. Otto Walter (left) with one copy of her own, it received a priceless fostering when Mrs. Daisy Clifton, Norman (right), early day photographer, came through with a gift of the 1905 to 1914 copies. The 1905 issue, being examined in the picture, as well as several subsequent numbers, was known as "The Mistletoe." Other donors to the collection have been Mr. Emil Kraettli, Mr. R. Brite, Mrs. Ralph Bienfang, Mrs. Roy Gittinger, and Miss Blanche Sommers. Mrs. Leroy Garner, known as "The Mistletoe." Other donors to the collection have been Mr. Emil Kraettli, Mr. R. Brite, Mrs. Ralph Bienfang, Mrs. Roy Gittinger, and Miss Blanche Sommers. Mrs. Leroy Garner, known as "The Mistletoe." Other donors to the collection have been Mr. Emil Kraettli, Mr. R. Brite, Mrs. Ralph Bienfang, Mrs. Roy Gittinger, and Miss Blanche Sommers.

Books Abroad—

Now that publishing has begun again throughout the world, the books and magazines are accumulating so fast in the BOOKS ABROAD office that one can scarcely see the editors, behind the growing mountains of foreign literature. But the editors are still there, even if you can't see them. Frederick D. Eddy, late of the Phillips Exeter Academy and one-time managing editor of the French Review, has joined their staff as editorial assistant.

Other on-campus members of the BOOKS ABROAD staff include W. A. Wilhibrand, assistant editor; Edith Mahler, staff artist; Pierre Delatour and Oliver E. Benson, contributing editors; J. L. Carrel, Advertising manager, and Delora Tinsley, circulation manager.

Two editions of the magazine are now being distributed, one from Norman, Oklahoma, and the other from the Phoenix House, London, England, called the British Empire edition.

Dr. House says he is sure that BOOKS ABROAD could never have weathered these last chaotic years without missing an issue or abandoning a department if it had not been for the backing of President Cross and other executive officers in the University of Oklahoma. He is especially appreciative of the help and encouragement of Savoie Lottinville, the magazine's business manager and director of the University Press.

O.U. War Heroine—

"I have resumed private practice, and would like for my patients to see one or two diplomas or certificates on the wall so that they may know that I graduated from an 'A' medical school, and please notify me as to my financial obligation to you or to the University of Oklahoma for having said diplomas replaced, duplicated, or certified, depending which you deem best.

"My sincerest gratitude for any help you may give me, and wishing you continued success as President of a great American university, may I remain Very truly yours,

Dr. Bertha Mueller Baltazar
40-D Jones Avenue
Cebu City, Cebu,
Philippine Islands."

Special editor's note: Since no diplomas were available upon receipt of this letter, President Cross and O. U. Registrar George E. Wadack sent Dr. Baltazar a notarized statement giving the degree she received at the University, date of each degree and other pertinent facts. Duplicate reprints will be given to Dr. Baltazar when diplomas for the spring commencement are available. G.S.

Law School—

Two of the three members of the criminal court of appeals are University Law School graduates. Law School representation in the legislature usually includes ten senators and 20 to 25 members of the house.

The graduates of the School have also been prominent in the business and civic life of the state and their respective communities. But it is impossible to call the roll of honor in this respect. The lawyer is a great conservative and yet progressive force in social affairs. Through his knowledge of law, which means his knowledge of the interrelations of the movements of society the lawyer becomes a most expert leader in social, governmental and political affairs. His education, his training, his opportunities, are greatest of all to mold and guide society toward a higher goal.

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