All-Sports Champs

THE school year of 1934-35 will long be remembered in the sports world as the year during which Sooner sport teams made a clean sweep of spring championships to win the all-sports championship.

The Oklahomans cinched the baseball title on one Saturday and the following Saturday won track, tennis and golf championships to overcome a lead held by Kansas State in all-sports standings.

Of the ten recognized conference sports races, the Sooners won five championships, two second places, two third places and a tie for fourth in the swimming meet with its one-man team of Jack Davis. A title was won in wrestling to go with the four spring championships. Second places were taken in two-mile team racing, while third were gained in the swimming meet with two second places, two third places and a tie for fourth position.

The Sooners won the all-around championship to win the all-sports championship. Second to Oklahoma's 55 points in track events alone, during the seven years of Big Six meets Kansas's 46 tallied in the 1933 conference meet, the year Coach Bill Hargiss's Jayhawkers won 8 of the 9 track events. The 880-yard relay wasn't run that year.

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