Sooner Sports

By Harold Keith

Dots and dashes via Sooner sports... Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner basketball team lost the University's sixth and seventh consecutive games to Hank Iba's national collegiate championship Oklahoma Aggies, 47-41 at Stillwater and 50-34 at Norman, but with a spew of relief bade an old enemy goodbye.

He was Bob "Footballs" Kurland, the Aggies' seven-foot All-American senior center. The gian
ting, 500-pounder, was returning to Oklahoma at Norman, breaking the modern individual scoring record for individuals in an Aggie-Sooner game. Drake's Sooner's of 1943, with Gerald Tucker and Allie Paine meshing clutch goals, beat Kurland and the Aggies 35-31 but since then the tall lad has led the Farmers to seven wins in a row.

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George Radman, Dick Todd Added To Coaching Staff

George Radman, former North Carolina University, and Dick Todd, former Texas Aggie back now playing with the Washington Redskins professional club, joined the O. U. spring football staff early in March.

Mr. Radman, a permanent choice, is the fourth and last Sooner varsity assistant to be named by Coach Jim Tatum. Mr. Todd, who has signed to play with the Washington Redskins again this fall, will help at Norman during spring practice only, Mr. Tatum explained.

Their arrival gave Mr. Tatum a total of four assistants in shepherding the overwhelming turnout of 140 players that greeted the new staff Monday. Others are Charles "Bud" Wilkinson and Walter Driskill.

Mr. Radman, 31 years old and married, was a lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy, serving nearly four years at Norfolk, Rice Institute and Sampson. He graduated from North Carolina in 1941 and had virtually completed a masters degree there when war came and he enlisted. While working on his masters degree, Mr. Radman helped Mr. Tatum, then the North Carolina freshman coach, tutor the Tarheels from day. Others are Charles "Bud" Wilkinson and Walter Driskill.

Mr. Todd played tailback for Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aggie powerhouse of 1936-37-38, then the North Carolina freshman coach, tutor the Tarheels from March 2 followed by Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State... Ladds Harp, Fairview sophomore, won the 60 yards dash in 6.4, Jon Sharp, Joplin, Missouri junior, won the 60 yards high hurdles in 7.5 and the 60 yards highs in 7.6 (ties Big Six record) and anchoring the Sooner relay to second place was high point scorer of the meet, John Canaris, Eagle Lake, Texas freshman, who won the two-mile in 9m,58.1s, Plato Andros was third in the shot despite a maimed hand, Bill Weaver and Dick Cavnar tied for third in the high jump at 6 feet, Fred Eaves jr., Austin, Texas freshman, was third in the pole vault at 12ft. 6in., using a pole exactly that height... "All I gotta do is find him a 16-foot pole and he'll break Warmered's world's record," quipped Coach Jacobs, but vaulting poles are now scarcer than nylons and Eaves is temporarily grounded.

Athletic Director L. E. "Jap" Haskell has booked schedules for the Sooner golf and tennis teams... Bruce Drake will handle the golfers but a tennis mentor has to be named since Dr. Leslie Hewes transferred to the University of Nebraska faculty.

Spring football practice is in its fourth week as this is written... Coach Jim Tatum's staff now includes Walter Driskill (Wyoming), Charles "Bud" Wilkinson (Minnesota), George Radman (North Carolina), Dick Todd (Texas A & M Aggies) and William "Dutch" Fechini (Purdue)... Todd will help only through spring practice then play with the Washington Redskins this fall... Frank Crider, Sooner freshman coach in 1941 and 1942, was re-appointed to the Sooner staff by Tatum but resigned and later accepted a position at Wewoka High School.

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At the Chamber of Commerce dinner honoring Coach Jim Tatum were: reading from left to right, back row, Harold Cooksey, Fred Jackson, Jim Downing and John Wisdom; front row, Hal Muldrow, Jap Haskell, Jim Tatum and Ed "Pete" Morton.