A Tough Rooster!

So Bennie Regards Nebraska, Homecoming Foe

By Ben G. Owen, Director of Athletics

In EASTERN universities homecoming means commencement, but not so in this virile midwest.

Here it is observed with the whip of flags in a sparkling breeze, the renewing of old friendships, the treading by graduates of old campus paths they knew so well when undergraduates, the lively crash of bands and by the stirring climax of a football game between the red-shirted Sooners and some ancient foe.

It won’t be trite to say that on November 10 of this year will occur the very largest homecoming that the University of Oklahoma has ever been host to. Large because this autumn there is more room on the campus and in the stadium than there has ever been before; great because the Nebraska-Oklahoma game is the best on the Sooner schedule.

Not since 1924, when a maimed, crippled Sooner eleven went out on Owen field and stupefied the nation by defeating Nebraska 14 to 7, has a Cornhusker eleven played in Norman. Four long years. Each one of those years has seen Sooner alumni developing an insatiable hunger to see a Corn-husker and a Soonerteam lock horns on Owen field. For twenty years now Nebraska has had a consistently great team. It has played all over the east and up and down the west and never been beaten badly. It has won two-thirds of its games against some of the strongest elevens in the nation.

Who wouldn’t want to see a team like that play?

This year's Nebraska eleven, coached by Earnest Bearg, is a typical Cornhusker eleven, equipped with all the smash and drive on offense that has characterized Nebraska's play in the past. From end to end the line averages 192 pounds. Its backfield is proportionally beefy, Russell, the giant quarterback, weighing 200 pounds. Also that backfield has in it the famous “Blue” Howell, powerful Husker fullback, who ranks with Rutherford, Hartley and Rhodes as one of the most tremendous hitters ever developed at Lincoln.

Last year Nebraska annihilated the Kansas Jayhawks 57 to 13 and scored four touchdowns against “Chuck” Mehan's New York university eleven which had been undefeated in the east until then. A football critic who saw Nebraska last year said, “Bearg has offensive power to burn.” And two-thirds of the 1928 Cornhusker eleven are veterans.

Sooner teams, while their records haven't been particularly pretentious the past eight years, are always feared when the game is being played at Norman. For instance that Nebraska victory of 1924 was made by a Sooner team that lost nearly every other game on its schedule. And two years ago the 10-7 triumph over Missouri was made by a mediocre Sooner team while the Tiger won every other contest on its schedule.

D LINDSEY'S team has a neat way of spinning forward passes and possesses a wonderful wealth of small backs and a light but game line. Regarding its play against Indiana which defeated it in the last three minutes, C. E. McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star, wrote:

"Big Six football elevens will do well to keep a careful eye on the doings of Ad Lindsey's Oklahoma team. The Sooners, their jerseys covered with thin white shirts because of the similarity of the Indiana red, went down to a 10-7 defeat yesterday before a fourth period of Pat Page's battling squad but the Sooners showed a sturdy defense and a powerful drive.

"The boys of Indiana had played a game the week before and their play showed the result of a game under their belts. It was Oklahoma's first game.

"A recharging of the ground gained undoubtedly would show to the advantage of Oklahoma, Lindsey's boys found holes in the Indiana line and

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Home Making

Mrs. Maude Richman Calvert, M.S., state supervisor of home economics for the state board of vocational education, is achieving a national reputation with her two books, "First Course in Home Making" and "Everyday Living for Boys and Girls," both books being published by Smith, Hammond & Co., Atlanta, Georgia.

Eight states have adopted "First Course in Home Making" the most recent one being Louisiana. Many large cities also have adopted the book as a text, including such cities as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Denver, as well as Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii.

In addition to her many duties and her work as a writer, Mrs. Calvert finds time to devote to her two little daughters, Mary Ann and Betty Lou. Her home address is 1101 East Eleventh street, Oklahoma City.

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A tough rooster darted through to good gains. They passed well and their touchdown by the great Tom Churchill was the result of a prettily handled lateral pass.

But what's the use of telling you all this? You know, as well as anybody, that any Nebraska team is worth going hundreds of miles to see, and especially when it is to be opposed by a light, scrappy Sooner team that might, might, mind you, topple the big team from the Northland. Stranger things than that have happened on the green turf of Owen field.

A peek at Oklahoma-Nebraska games of the past is not particularly complimentary to Oklahoma but then what school in the nation, even Notre Dame, can boast of more victories than defeats over the Cornhuskers? The record shows that Oklahoma has won once, Nebraska five times and that one game was a tie. Here you are:

1912 Oklahoma 9, Nebraska 13
1919 Oklahoma 7, Nebraska 7
1921 Oklahoma 0, Nebraska 44
1922 Oklahoma 7, Nebraska 39
1923 Oklahoma 0, Nebraska 24
1924 Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 7
1925 Oklahoma 0, Nebraska 12
Totals 37, 146

I predict that both the old west wing and the new east wing of memorial stadium will be chock full when Captains Howell of Nebraska and Hamilton of Oklahoma flip for position on November 10, provided the day is good. That would mean a crowd of 32,000 spectators.

Now the record for homecoming day crowds at this university was set in 1926 when Frank Potts galloped sixty yards, twenty of that sixty after the timekeeper's gun had terminated play, to help Oklahoma beat Mizzou, 10 to 7. The official attendance that afternoon numbered 16,656. Last November, 15,000 spectators saw Oklahoma beat Kansas, 26 to 6.

Now a crowd of 32,000 spectators would be exactly four times as large as the greatest crowd ever to throng old Boyd field, and twice as large as any mob that has yet collected at new Owen field.

And here is something that should interest those who plan to come in their own cars. Many of you will remember what a traffic jam resulted last year after a football game, due to the one-way exit. Now, there are four good roads to Owen field. The main trunk road is the paved Purcell-Oklahoma City highway. From this lead four well built roads to the parking area. And there will be ample parking space for all. This, I know, will be good news to all alumni.

Incidentally it might be interesting for you to know that 2,000 seats for the homecoming day game had already been reserved on October 8, a month before the game.

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