Oklahoma's defensively rugged but undeveloped football team divided its first two games, losing 21-2 to Army and defeating Texas A. and M. 10-7.

Coach Jim Tatum's fighting Sooners surprised the nation in their battle against Army's defending national championship team in Oklahoma's home field at West Point. Against an Army team that was without Felix "Doc" Blanchard, All-American fullback, the Sooners played very evenly and deserved at the worst a tie.

The fierce tempo of the game, rockin'-socking defensive play with the rival tacklers striking the ball-carriers with force intended to knock the ball from his hands, was evident in the first half when the line ruffled it out, completely stopping the Army's running attacks.

The Sooners scored first when Norman McNabb, 194-pound ex-Marine who played his last football for Coach Chalky Stogner's Norman High School in Texas, when the play began, blocked an Army punt on the goal and Bill Morris, left tackle from Oklahoma City and also an ex-Marine covered the ball for a touchdown. Quarterback Dave Wallace kicked a goal.

Army tied the score 7-7 just before the half when Quarterback Arnold Tucker flipped a pass to Glenn Daniels, author of a 43-yard passing offensive, from left end Eddie Fields in the end zone after two other passes, Tucker to Glenn "Junior" Davis, Army's All-American left half, had carried from the Army 39.

At the start of the last half, Army quickly scored again and led 7-14. Poole, Army's other fine end, blocked an Oklahoma punt and taking over on the 15, the Cadets again took the air, Tucker passing to Davis to take the ball up to the Army 30. Again Oklahoma was knocked at the Army goal for the tying touchdown.

Golding was called and ended and got four yards. Wallace came in at quarterback and turned right end for one yard. Golding was tried on his dive-tackle play and shot off the strong side for five yards. With two to go on the Army 13. Everybody could scent this was the crucial down.

Again the play boomeranged fatally for Oklahoma. Wallace lateraled to Royal sweeping wide around his right. The Army defense piled up the play, Royal being tackled while trying to secure possession of the ball. It was knocked into the air. Again the alert Mr. Tucker was Johnny-on-the-spot. He neatly caught the loose ball in the air and ran 85 yards to the decisive touchdown. All over the nation Sooners listening in gasped with disappointment and turned away from the radio. That was the finish.

Even for Oklahoma's amiable consolation for Oklahoma. Although his passing set up two touchdowns, Davis, Army's famous "Mr. Outside," was stopped cold on the ground for the first time in his career, held to an average of 1.7 net yards per carry, held without a touchdown for the first time in three years. Oklahoma out-ran the Cadets 127 to 67 in yards but was out-done in the forward-passing. Golding was the best back on the field with 72 net yards gained. The generous eastern press was eloquent about Oklahoma's savage line play.

Accompanied by Dr. George Cross, president of the University, the Sooners team flew to and from the game in two planes chartered from the Braniff Company of Oklahoma City.

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"We're still a long ways from an organized ball club," said Coach Tatum following the Sooner's dramatic 10-7 win over Coach Homer Norton's Texas Aaggies the following Saturday (October 5) before 28,000 fans at Norman in the home opener.

Again the Sooner defense was double tough, holding the Texas Aggies to a minus eight yards before 28,000 fans at Norman in the home opener.

Although his pass-receiving setup two crucial down. Again McNabb, the blond, somber ex-Marine from Norman, made the key pass. Again McNabb, the blond, somber ex-Marine.

"Give me ten points and I'll lay you ten bucks on Oklahoma" was a familiar tone that would occasionally be heard from within a circle of buzzing team followers.

The evening before the game, an informal gathering for "people from the land of the Red man" took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker.

Ted Beard, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Alumni Association, was chief hand shaker at this preliminary warm-up which turned out to be a very full weekend. Oklahoma songs, O.U. pep yells and gaiety resounded from the walls of the crowded ballroom throughout the evening. An occasional speech by a University official or an Oklahoma alumni could be heard above the din of October, 1946
Sooners welcoming Sooners from way, way back.

Early the following morning sea-faring Sooners boarded the steamship Alexander Hamilton for a 40-mile run up the history-ridden Hudson river. The three-hour boat trip on the colorful Hudson was a novelty to most University team followers since practically all the navigating they had done had been on Oklahoma's Canadian tributary.

Leaving New York City's spectacular skyline scene, the ship passed the Jackson monument and the Palisades before steaming under the huge span of the George Washington Bridge.

"Just what we need on the Chickasha road," was one passing remark in reference to the bridge.

The Alexander Hamilton passed numerous vessels along the Hudson. These were never-ending source of interest to the folks from the West.

When the ship came in sight of West Point, anxious people began to jam the entrance to the gangplank. West Point at first glance looked like a mighty castle of some medieval king with its gray, sturdy buildings built right into the side of steep Catskill Mountains.

Debarking from the ship, Sooners ganged about a pennant salesman on the pier hoping to display their enthusiasm over O.U. by waving Oklahoma flags. It was indeed disheartening to find that only Oklahoma A and M pennants were available. A verbal reprimanding failed to enlighten the salesman on the fact that there was a difference between the two Oklahoma schools.

After trudging up what seemed an infinite number of stone steps, Oklahomans tiredly trudged to the West Point drill field, to watch the Cadets pass in review before the President of the United States. Brass buttons, tassels on hats, bluish-grey uniforms, rifles on shoulders, platoon on platoon of militarily erect West Pointers passed in perfect alignment.

Following the drill, over 2,000 cheering Sooners moved to a special section of Michie Stadium to watch Oklahoma (David) tackle Army (Goliath).

While the teams were warming up, the Army mule paraded around the field.

Spurred on by hysteric screams of team rooers in the east stands, the Oklahoma eleven surprisingly outplayed the Cadets, gaining more yardage on th ground, getting more first downs and outclassing the West Pointers in team appearance.

The crowd went wild when O.U. scored the first touchdown of the game. Even though the Sooners dropped the game, 21 to 7, to the fighting Army team, Oklahoma's display of football antics won the admiration of 25,500 spectators at the game.

Proudly the Oklahomans paraded from the stadium after the game suốting, "What a game! we showed 'em!"

The gay, colorful stage show "Oklahoma!" was the next event on the visitors' schedule. Nothing could have been more appropriate for the sight-seeing Sooners than "Oklahoma!"

Listening to the cast sing the song "Oklahoma!" was an inspiration to the people from the Indian-populated state. The words "You're doing fine, Oklahoma" which the chorus sang were very fitting after the showing made by the Oklahoma team against the Army that same day.

After the show, O.U. football players went on the stage to meet members of the cast.

Some of the group continued their tour of noted spots in New York by taking in the well-known night clubs, such as the Stork Club and Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe. "Champagne on the house—courtesy of Manager Sherman Billingsly of Enid" highlighted the Stork Club visit.

When the time came to head back West, droopy-eyed touring Sooners, five days behind in sleep, weren't too tired to relate their experience.

Each Oklahoman who made the trip appeared to have that "loosen your belts" attitude of satisfaction as though he had just finished eating Thanksgiving dinner.

Editor's Note: Bud Baer, Oklahoma Daily's sports editor was selected by the Student Senate to attend the O.U.-Army game as the official representative of O.U.