FOOTBALLS, not bombs, are spinning corner. The same thing is happening in the Kaiser's submarines and were comparable to that of 1918. Scenery is new.

The coming football season is startlingly comparable to that of 1918.

In the fall of 1918 the Allies had seared the Kaiser's submarines and were pressing the German armies back into Coffin corner. The same thing is happening in the autumn of 1943.

In 1918 the Sooner football team was composed almost entirely of young Student Army Training Corps players out of Oklahoma's high schools, stationed on the University campus for instructions. That's the way it is this autumn although many of the campus trainees are from other states.

In 1918 the Sooners played in Oklahoma City. Ditto this year.

It's the sixth year that the University, like most of the other institutions around it, has fielded a team while the nation was at war (the other war years were 1898, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1942). Football is far too deeply rooted into the affections of the American people to be killed by an ugly thing like war.

Luster Is Forging A Colorful Offensive Club

While Oklahoma's 1943 squad returns but one letterman from last year and 86% of its personnel is composed of young military trainees stationed on the Sooner campus among whom there isn't a single major college first string player, let alone a "big name" player, don't sell the Sooners short.

True, they would be badly over-powered if they had to play a matched game against Oklahoma's 1942 team, but they wouldn't be out-gamed. Furthermore the three-weeks summer practice Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster just closed revealed that the 1943 team is shaping up as a more versatile offensive club, and therefore a more entertaining club, than the Sooners of last year who were handicapped because many of their returning key linemen and all their fast, tricky backs had gone to war.

Summing them up, the Sooners of 1943 are a club of average peace-time junior college strength. What they do this fall depends as much upon the strength of their foes, impossible to evaluate now, as upon their own efforts.

Here's a statistical comparison of Oklahoma's 1942 and 1943 squads:

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<th>Position</th>
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Night Games With Tulsa, Aggies at Oklahoma City

The University's games with the Oklahoma Aggies and Tulsa University at Oklahoma City on the nights of October 2 and 16 mark the first time a Sooner club has played in the capitol city in 24 years.

The last time a Sooner club showed in Oklahoma City was 1919 when Bennie Owen's Sooners defeated the Aggies at Western League park 33 to 6 with Myron "Little Tub" Tyler, now a Bristow insurance man, blocking three Aggie punts.

Scores of all the University's games in Oklahoma City are:

1902 Oklahoma 30, Okla. City A. C. 0
1903 Oklahoma 11, Fairmont 5
1904 Oklahoma 5, Texas 11
1905 Oklahoma 10, Bethany Swedes 12
1906 Oklahoma 0, Kansas 16
1907 Oklahoma 9, Bethany Swedes 36
1908 Oklahoma 2, Texas 0
1909 Oklahoma 29, Bethany Swedes 0
1910 Oklahoma 9, Texas 10
1911 Oklahoma 0, Washburn 0
1912 Oklahoma 29, Epworth 0
1913 Oklahoma 24, Epworth 0
1914 Oklahoma 12, Epworth 11
1915 Oklahoma 6, Kansas 2
1916 Oklahoma 3, Epworth 9
1917 Oklahoma 14, Colorado 3
1918 Oklahoma 27, Central 0
1919 Oklahoma 41, Oklahoma Aggies 7
1920 Oklahoma 26, Oklahoma Aggies 7
1921 Oklahoma 27, Central 0
1922 Oklahoma 9, Central 0
1923 Oklahoma 0, Oklahoma Aggies 9
1924 Oklahoma 7, Camp Doniphan 21
1925 Oklahoma 27, Oklahoma Aggies 0
1926 Oklahoma 33, Oklahoma Aggies 6

Oklahoma won 17, scored 577 points. Opponents won 8, scored 172 points. Two games tied.

Four Sooner Coaches Are Away on Leave

Four members of the Sooner football staff are now in the service on leave of absence. They are:

Lt. Com. Lawrence "Jap" Haskell (athletic director), Navy, Jacksonville, Florida.
Lt. Orville Tuttle (line coach), Marines, San Diego, California.
Lt. (jg) Frank Crider (freshman coach), Navy, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Ensign Jack Baer (assistant freshman coach), Navy, Del Monte, California.

Desmond of Santa Clara Most Experienced Player

Here's a quick appraisal of the Sooners of 1943:

SERVICE LOSSES—42 of the 44 varsity men available last year.

LETTERMEN RETAINED—One, Boone Baker, junior wingback. "We're coming in on a wingback and a prayer," quips Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster.

SQUAD MEN RETAINED—One, Lee Kennon, junior tackle.

FRESHMEN RETAINED—Four, Ends Omer Burgert, Enid, and Merle Diskins, Blackwell, and Backs Dick Pedycoart, (Continued on Page 16)