The New Sports Set-up

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As Told to Harold Keith, '28

For the information of alumni, the athletic council wishes to describe the present intercollegiate set-up at the University of Oklahoma.

On June 2 the board of regents took the following action concerning the departments of physical education and athletics:

1. Physical education and intramural athletics shall be separated entirely from intercollegiate athletics.

2. Ben G. Owen shall be appointed Professor of Physical Education and Director of Intramural Athletics.

3. W. J. Cross shall be appointed Business Manager for the year 1934-35 and shall be responsible for the handling of finances, accounts and tickets, and also shall be bonded for an amount to be determined by the athletic council.

4. The executive committee of the athletic council shall be the exclusive directing agency of intercollegiate athletics for the year 1934-35.

5. The purchase of equipment and supplies on requisition, selection of officials, making of schedules, shall be the duties of the coaches, under the immediate direction of the executive committee of the athletic council.

Because of limited finances and the fact it might have been difficult to find a suitable director of intercollegiate athletics during the small time that remained between the adoption of the new set-up and the start of the school year, the athletic council recommended to the board of regents that the five-man executive committee of the council be the exclusive directing agency of intercollegiate athletics for the school year 1934-35.

However if this new set-up does not prove satisfactory or if a suitable athletic director can be found, the present plan of making the executive committee the sole directing agency will probably be discontinued after the coming school year.

Establishment of the university's athletic policy this coming school year will be the work of the athletic council as a whole. Personnel of this council at the present time is: Dr. Guy Y. Williams, president; Prof. L. N. Morgan, vice-president; Dr. S. W. Reaves, faculty representative; Dr. J. H. Felgar, Dr. V. E. Monnett, Dr. Edgar Meacham, Registrar George Wadsack, and Superintendent of Utilities Walter Kraft from the university faculty, and Neil Johnson and Hu-
Coaches only will designate the athletes they wish to hire on the various stadium and athletic field projects but the council expects every athlete given employment to work and earn his pay, and if a deviation from this condition arises, the coach will be held responsible.

In other words, although the council has given each coach a great deal of freedom, it also has shifted full responsibility for the success of each sport upon the coach so that there will be no grounds for alibis and a coach will have himself to blame if the schedule doesn’t suit him, the material doesn’t turn out well, the equipment doesn’t wear or the officials go blind during a game.

The Schedule

It’s doubtful if Oklahoma ever had as attractive a schedule of home games as the five the Sooners will play at Norman this fall. Four Big Six conference teams will show at Owen field and also Centenary will invade for the intersectional opener.

Here’s the home slate:

* Oct. 6 Centenary (Intersectional).
* Oct. 20 Nebraska (Dad’s day).
* Nov. 3 Missouri (Homecoming).
* Nov. 10 Iowa State.
* Nov. 17 Kansas State.

Big Six conference games.

The colorful Centenary team, undefeated the last two years and good enough to place Paul Geisler, end, on the AP All-American team, should make the Sooners a much more attractive intersectional foe than Vanderbilt did last year. Biff Jones’ powerful Louisiana State eleven, Francis Schmidt’s strong Texas Christian team, Ray Morrison’s galloping Mustangs from S. M. U. and teams like Texas Aggies, Texas, Arkansas, Baylor, Mississippi, Loyola and others have all stormed the Centenary stronghold the past two years. Louisiana State, boasting the greatest array of power in the South and victor over the classy Tennessee eleven, hasn’t been able to score on that stubbornly-fighting Centenary team the past two years, Centenary winning in 1932 and tying the Tigers last year.

Missouri, only Big Six team who has more returning letter men than the Sooners, should be stronger this year than either of the past two years and Sooner fans haven’t forgotten how Coach Frank Carideo’s team won a surprising 14 to 6 victory at Norman last time they played as a Homecoming day opponent.

Iowa State, which has led the Sooners in six out of the last seven years, led the nation last year in scoring, and they’ll bring to Norman October 3. The definition of a punt has been changed to allow a player to hold the ball in his hands for a team mate to kick.

The $2.75 top for west side reserved seats is available from the box office at the stadium, or may be secured by personal check or bank draft payable to the University of Oklahoma. The seasonal ticket good for a reserved seat on the west side of the stadium costs $13.50. The season ticket, which includes all games for the year, costs $18.00 with mastercard or American Express accepted. The season ticket does not include admission to the Homecoming game.

Admission Prices

Season tickets good for a reserved seat on approximately the 40-yard line are selling for $5.50 in the east stadium and $6.60 in the west stadium this year, including tax. For fans who prefer the west side of the stadium, face value admission at the box office is $2.75. The season ticket costs $4.40 less.

New Rules

The rule changes for 1934 are popular with players, coaches and fans, chiefly because they should boost the offensive side of the game at the expense of the now dominant defense, especially improving the forward pass. There should be more scoring, fewer ties, and a generally improved in the attack this year.

Listed briefly, the principal rule changes are:

1. First incomplete forward pass thrown across the goal line before fourth down shall count as a down and not a touchback. However the second one in the same series of downs shall count as a touchback.
2. The five-yard penalty for each incomplete forward pass after the first one in the same series of downs has been removed. Now a team can shoot four incomplete passes in a row without penalty without saving the ball on fourth down.
3. The definition of a punt has been changed to allow a player to hold the ball in his hands for a team mate to kick.
4. The ball to be used this fall will be smaller, more pointed and less balloonish. The short circumference has been reduced three-quarters inch to permit a firmer grip for throwing purposes and to emphasize the nose and produce a more streamline effect, the idea being to improve the forward pass.

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The $2.75 top for west side reserved seats charged for the intersectional clash with Vanderbilt last year has been dropped. Every home game on the Oklahoma schedule this fall will cost the

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1927

Early Pratt, 27aa, Jefferson county attorney, has been appointed assistant federal attorney and will have charge of internal revenue cases at the federal court in Muskogee. Pratt was a member of the University debate team before graduation and has won considerable recognition during his two years as county attorney.

1928

Helen Eagles, 28he, is a member of the University of Illinois faculty. She is in charge of classes concerned with home decorations and related arts.

Kieran Morrison, 28aa, formerly editor of the Lexington Sun, is working for the state highway department in Wisconsin. He is stationed in Madison and is graduate manager of the Sigma Chi house at the University of Wisconsin.

1929

Marv Brown, 29aw, has resigned as assistant county attorney, Oklahoma County, to enter private practice of law.

Elizabeth Cox, 29aa, 1stlaw, has been added to the faculty staff of Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater, for the coming year. She has been a practicing attorney in Norman and one of the law school's outstanding women lawyers. During the recent political campaign she was assistant campaign manager for James E. Berry, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

1932

Paul John, 32ax, is a member of the Walters golf team that made a habit this summer of trimming town teams throughout the southern part of the state. Twenty golfers from Walters played on the team that defeated Lawton, 37 to 19, late in the season. Another Sooner on the Walters club was Jim Nance, 33ex, John is news and sports editor for the Walters Herald.

Mrs. Carol Constant Pim, 31drama, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bates Bond, 32ex, both of New York City, were entertained at numerous parties throughout Oklahoma when they returned for an extensive visit this summer Mrs. Pim formerly lived in Ponca City and Mrs. Bond is a former resident of Oklahoma City. The former played the leading role in the prize winning three-act drama, "Black Jack Davy," by Richard Mansfield Richardson and Mrs. Ziemer, 34fa, is a former resident of Oklahoma City. The former played the leading role in the prize winning three-act drama, "Black Jack Davy," by Richard Mansfield Dickinson, Tulsa, when it was presented four years ago by the University Playhouse.

Jim Blanton, 31ax, 31law, Pauls Valley attorney, was a star third baseman on the Pauls Valley softball team that builds the championship, winning three of the county's top baseball teams. Blanton, 30he, was one of the team's staunchest supporters.

Cliff Lane, 31eng, 33M.S., and Mrs. Jane Field Lane, 32ax, are living in Long Beach, California, where he is an architect.

1933

Vic Holman, 32aa, has joined the staff at the Bank of Frederick. Previously, he worked at the First National Bank of Guthrie, the Bank of Crescent and the Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City.

Bob Webb, 33ex, who contributed leading stories to the July and August issues of Space, a creative monthly published at Norman by Dr. B. A. Rootkin, University faculty member, was in charge of educational activities at a camp for transient youths in south Texas during the summer. Webb, who has been writing for magazines as he "tramps" the country for the past year, has gone to Madison, Wisconsin, where he may stay for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanna of the 1933 class are living at Madison, Wisconsin. Hanna is on the research staff of the economics department at the University of Wisconsin and Mrs. Hanna is literary editor and writes a column in the Madison Journal.
mark instead of inside the 20-yard line, the general admission section last year.

Condition of the Field
If a rain storm blows up on the day of a game, the fan should don his rubbers and slicker and come on anyway. Paved and graveled highways assure spectators a hard-surfaced road from their home to Owen field and return.

But best of all is that crackajack sandy field Coach Lewie Hardage has built at Norman. Last year it rained nearly an inch the night before the Homecoming game with Kansas yet next day the game was sensationaly played with the players holding their feet up beautifully as the Sooners scored three touchdowns and won decisively by 20 to 9, a feat they could never have achieved on the average muddy field. The field has been resanded this summer and no matter how great the rain, will be fast. So don't let the rain keep you home.

Prospects
We'll try and give you the facts and let you draw your own conclusions.

The team's kicking game can't be as strong as it was last year due to loss of Bob Dunlap, finest quick-kicker ever developed at Soonerland and ranking close to Claude Reed and K. M. Morrison as greatest Sooner punter of all time. Dunlap was also a good passer and although the team's aerial game last year was poor, it wasn't Dunlap's fault. He threw a mean pass as his feet of single-handed chucking 834 yards of completed kicks in 1932 proves. So the Sooner kicking and passing apparently will be poorer this fall.

The quarterbacking, with Pat Page, Jr., and Karey Fuqua available, should be better. Page, son of the former Indiana and Chicago coach, is stacking up as a real quarterback find, due to lifetime training by his father. Besides he has a year's experience on the Chicago university varsity. Fuqua, smart field general of Lawton's great team of 1931, has had a year's experience with the Sooners and since he already is a fine blocker and tackler, is bound to see service. Art Pansze may also be used some at this position.

Coach Hardage himself has given the biggest hope for an improved team this year.

"We spent last year developing our sophomore material," he recently asserted, "Now we have 16 juniors and 6 seniors ready to go and are ready to take up advanced football, stuff we didn't dare attempt with green sophomores last fall."

However, lots of things can happen between now and Thanksgiving day end of the 1934 season. The schedule is very hard and it is only reasonable to suppose that somewhere along its course the Sooners will encounter an "off" day and the opponents "on" days that often spell the difference between victory and defeat. Injuries, bad luck, and ineligibility could very easily take their toll. Also there's no getting around the fact that there are bound to be more powerful teams on the schedule than Oklahoma, any one of which may be capable of defeating the Sooners strictly on the merits of the two teams.

Speaking generally, the squad is experienced and well-stocked with reserves and if it can surmount the tackle obstacle should be able to put up a sharp battle in every game and win its share of them.

Among the better-known sophomores available this fall are:

- Ends, Harry Allen, Tulsa; Jay Thomas, Seminole; Ralph Brown, Hobart.
- Tackles, Ford Eilsworth, El Reno; "Hoss" Milam, Chelsea.
- Guards, Connie, Aheron, Oklahoma City; Mike Montgomery, Lawton; Bill Pickett, Oklahoma City; Bob Stephens, Oklahoma City.
- Centers, Mickey Parks, Shawnee; Red Conkright, Tulsa.
- Blocking Backs, Pat Page, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; Bo Hewes, Wayne; Vivian Nemecek, Wayne; Tee Connelly, El Reno.
- Tailbacks, Joe Meyer, Hot Springs, Ark.; K. A. Cox, Muskogee; Mack Boring, Fort Worth, Tex.; Jolly Ragan, St. Louis.

The 21 lettermen eligible to return are:

- Ends, John Miskovsky, Jeff Coker, Jack Harris, Mutt Miller.
- Tackles, Cash Gentry, Dub Wheeler, Ken Little, George Parrish, Dewey Tenneyson.
- Center, Morris McDannald.
- Blocking Backs, Berde Long, Ben PoyNor, Art Pansze, Rob Robison, Karey Fuqua.
- Tailbacks, Nig Robertson, Raleigh Francis, Delmar Steinbock.
- Outstading squadmen back from last year are: Bill Allen, blocking back; Dodo Walters, guard; James Monnet, tackle; Delbert Haynes, tailback.

The complete Oklahoma schedule:

- Oct. 6 Centenary at Norman.
- Oct. 13 Texas at Dallas.
- Oct. 20 Nebraska at Norman. (Dad's Day).
- Oct. 27 Kansas at Lawrence.
- Nov. 3 Missouri at Norman. (Homecoming).
- Nov. 10 Iowa State at Norman.
- Nov. 17 Kansas State at Norman.
- Nov. 24 Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
- Nov. 29 George Washington at Washington, D. C.
- Big Six conference games.