The Sooner season

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AFTER showing in their early games that they could do about everything else, Sooner gridsters proved they could take it, when after suffering two straight losses, they came back to run over Iowa State 19 to 12.

After taking victories from Tulia, Kansas and Kansas State and dropping a close one to Texas, injuries and general weariness began to tell on the small squad.

Oklahoma A. and M. possessing lots of physical odds but not more than the Sooners had been facing, took a 7 to 0 decision from Coach Lewie Hardage's off-stride team. Bob Dunlap's passes, which had been clicking for an average of 500 against the first foes, failed to find receivers in the tilt with the state farmers. In fact, the Aggies stole the Sooner's aerial thunder by making their touchdown possible with passes. A long pass put the leather on the Oklahoma 3-yard strip and was ploughed over in three tries.

Sooner football stock reached what probably was its low point of the season in the Homecoming game with Missouri. The Tigers, in their first season, under Coach Frank Carideo, hadn't won a single time until they came to Norman.

Finding that Oklahoma was unable to solve their spinner play over the line, the Missouri quarterback called big Carl Johannngmeir on this formation time after time. When the Sooner defense was pulled in to stop Johannngmeir, Woody Hatfield would shoot around end for sizable gains. These tactics gave the Missourians touchdowns in the second and third periods and both goals were missed.

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The Sooner season was the loss of Bill Pansze, whose sensational runs gave spectators their biggest treats and caused the enemy defense to spread out so the passing attack could have a chance of working. Pansze got his knee twisted in the Texas tilt and was declared out for the remainder of the season. He may be able to play next fall.

Every team the Sooners have played this fall has possessed a physical advantage over them. By the time the half-way mark of the season had been reached, the squad had dwindled down to less than 30 men. Some days, not enough players to make two full teams report to Hardage and his assistant, John "Bo" Rowland.

One of the finest exhibitions of Oklahoma grid history has been put on this season by Ab Walker, 140-pound senior. Walker started his Sooner career as a quarterback, played this position all of his first two seasons and during the first part of this fall's schedule. Then Bill Pansze and Simms were both hurt at the same time. Walker was made into a running halfback and performed very creditably there in the Kansas State, Oklahoma A. & M. and Missouri games.

When Art Pansze's thumb was broken, Hardage had to have a blocking halfback. Walker was called on for the blocking duties in the Iowa State fray. The fact that Simms was able to run for gains like he did is a tribute to Walker's blocking ability.

The Stillwater meeting

The Former Students Association of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college continued its fine tradition of hospitality when it entertained the members of the University of Oklahoma Association executive board at Stillwater in the Tiger Tavern October 29. The Aggies had more than three hundred persons at their Homecoming meeting, over which Orville Savage of Ponca City, re-elected president of the Aggie Association, presided. It happens that this year the presidents of both Associations hail from Ponca City, Chester Westfall, '16journ, the Sooner prexy, also being from the northern oil metropolis.

President Westfall and Secretary Frank S. Cleckler, '21hus, were the Sooner speakers. Mr. Westfall spoke warmly of the spirit of cooperation which actuated the two Associations, expressed the hope that it would continue in the future, and promised the aid of Oklahoma in working our mutual problems. This was Mr. Savage's promise, likewise. Secretary Cleckler introduced the members of the Oklahoma board present, these being Herman Impson, vice president, Lewis Morris, vice president, Shelley Tracy of Dallas, Lee B. Thompson, A. N. "Jack" Boatman, A. S. "Mike" Monroney, and W. L. Eagleton.