The Nebraska Debacle
But Sooners Even Odds with the Kansas Jayhawkers

By Fayette Copeland, '19

Past the halfway mark in their Big Six conference race the Sooner gridders, after their homecoming defeat at the hands of Nebraska, faced Kansas and Missouri in the conference, and the Oklahoma Aggies, their ancient rival for intra-state supremacy.

After a slow start when they lost a heartbreaking game to Indiana 10 to 7, the Sooners gained speed and trounced Creighton 7 to 0 before their initial conference game in which they defeated the Kansas Aggies 33 to 21 on Owen Field.

This victory was the first Oklahoma had won over the Manhattan Wildcats since 1919. Oklahoma's march, however, came to an abrupt halt in the first game ever played between the Sooners and Iowa State. The Allies crew, struggling up from the cellar, took the Oklahomans into camp 13 to 0 in an unexpected reversal that broke a string of twenty five games in which the Sooners had scored.

Nebraska's Cornhuskers, bidding for national as well as Big Six championship honors, brushed the Sooners roughly aside 44 to 0 in the homecoming game, and left a badly battered crew to finish the season.

The Kansas game at Lawrence on November 17 marked the twenty sixth consecutive year the two teams had met on the gridiron. This traditional conflict began in 1903, and the two teams have met every year since that time, even including the world war period of 1916 and 1917 when most of the other games on the Sooner schedule were dropped. Oklahoma won 7 to 0.

On the Saturday following the Kansas game the Sooners were to invade Stillwater in an effort to wipe out the 13 to 7 defeat they suffered at the hands of the Oklahoma Aggies last year on Owen Field. Prior to that game the Aggies had been successful in defeating Oklahoma only twice, in 1924 and in 1917, and there had been two tie games in the 21 games played since 1904.

Although games were not played with regularity during the early years, the rivalry between the Sooners and the Missouri Tigers dates back farther than any of Oklahoma's annual tilts.

The first Missouri-Oklahoma game was played in 1902, and another in 1903, but eight years then elapsed before regular play was resumed in 1911. Oklahoma lost to Missouri 20 to 7 at Columbia last Thanksgiving day, and will attempt to avenge the defeat in the last game of the season here on Turkey day, November 29. In 1926 the Sooners plastered the only defeat of the year on Missouri, winning 10 to 7 on homecoming day. In the 18 games played between the two schools, Oklahoma has won eight, Missouri nine, and one game was tied.

Ride a Bike!
Forbidden to drive automobiles while in school, university students have taken up the good old European custom of riding bicycles. True, 'nary a co-ed has been seen cycling, but things like that go in cycles, so if the Oklahoma Daily, sponsoring the campaign succeeds, it won't be long until you might suspect you were in Copenhagen, the Hague or Cambridge.

Here Are the Sooner Gridsters of 1928

These are the men from which Coach Ad Lindsey built his 1928 Sooner squad. This is the first Sooner team to play in the newly formed Big Six Conference. These boys fought for the football honor of Soonerland, the University of Oklahoma. Give them a great big hand!

Back row, left to right: Buck Weever, end; Clifton Shearer, center; Robert Fails, guard; John Swinford, halfback; Bob Fields, center; Paul Ward, fullback; Francis Roberis, end; Heston Singletary, end; Jack Carman, end; Linwood Haskins, halfback; Earl Flint, halfback; Charles Kittell, quarterback; Frank Crider, halfback; Fenton Taylor, end.

Middle row: Harry Berry, guard; Ward Lynn, quarterback; Leo Speckman, halfback; Victor Marsh, guard; Wymann Henry, end; Alvin Maldrow, guard; Bob Garrett, tackle; Weldon Gentry, tackle; Bruce Drake, halfback; Leslie B. Clay, guard; Ellis Orr, guard; John Lee, tackle.

Front row: Clyde Kirk, fullback; Captain Hamilton, end; Albert Mayhew, quarterback; Fred Schonwald, fullback; Gregory Hutchinson, guard; Curtis Berry, tackle; Martin Phillips, guard; Roy Nelson, tackle; W. W. Cooley, guard; Ralph Cochran, guard; Leon Smith, tackle.