

# Big Eight Spotlight ... Oklahoma Sooners Pass Crying Towel

(But Opponents Offer Little Sympathy)

The Oklahoma Sooners are singing the football blues for the coming season. Since they were picked in many quarters to be national champions before the season commenced and met with such a disastrous season, Gomer Jones' crew of coaches is spreading gloom in every direction.

Here is what the Oklahoma spring football roundup has to say about the Oklahoma team for next year.

Although Oklahoma is definitely not a Big Eight conference championship threat, the coaches hope to build a respectable team that will improve as it acquires experience. Many key positions will be manned by new players.

Coches Gomer Jones is leading the way with the crying towel.

"Our spring practice aim is to find and develop players to replace our 20 departed seniors. We're especially looking for tackles, ends and quarterbacks. Our halfback situation is also critical with the loss of Lance Rentzel and our switching of Larry Brown to fullback. A lot depends upon the improvement of people who didn't play much last year, also of our new sophomores," Jones said.

"Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas are the top teams. But I think this is the year that clubs like Colorado, Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Kansas State will shorten the gap between them and what have been the first division powers. Overall, the Big Eight should be better balanced, top to bottom, than in some time," Jones concluded.

Jones is concerned about the loss of his four ranking tackles at the close of last season. Ralph Neely, Butch Metcalf, Glen Condren and Bill Hill. Also of three top ends, Rick McCurdy, Allen Bumgardner and Ron Harmon. Guards Newt Burton and Ed McQuarters and Center John Garrett are gone. Quarterbacks Bobby Page and Ron Fletcher, halfback Lance Rentzel, fullback Jim Grisham, linebacker David Voiles and defensive halfback Charley Mayhue have played their last college football.

Not reporting for spring practice are guard Carl Schreiner and halfback Boots Bagby (baseball), safety Bill Thomas, tackle Ed Hall and halfback James Jackson (track). Tackle Jerry Goldsby (eligible for 1965 but his status uncertain because of recent operation on knee that had been previously operated).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN**  
From offensive platoon: LE Gordon Brown, LG Carl Schreiner, C. Bill Carlye, RE Ben Hart, LH Larry Brown.

From defensive platoon: LT Jerry Goldsby (playing status unknown), LG Vernon Burkett, RG Jim Riley, LB Carl McAdams, RH Eugene Ross, Safety Larry Shields. Others: RE Ray Haynes, RG Robert Vardeman (lettered 1963), RT Mike Base, QB John Hammond, LH Tommy Pannell, RH Mike Ringy, FB Jon Kennedy, FB Alan Henderson and LDH Rod Grosswhite.

**FRESH STANDOUTS**  
Last year's freshman team lacked standout linemen yet won both games, defeating Tulsa's Gales 39-12 and Oklahoma State's Colts 23-14. Interesting prospects are quar-

terbacks Jim Burgar (Lindsay, Okla.) and Gene Cagle (Lawton, Okla.), left halfback Ron Shotts (Weatherford, Okla.) and ends John Koller (Burkburnett, Tex.) and Sammy Denton (Lake Village, Ark.).

### OUTSTANDING RETURNNEES

**Center Carl McAdams.** Oklahoma's best football player last season. Quick, wide-ranging, crisp-hitting line-backer who also calls the defensive signals. Last year he made NEA's All-American, AP's second All-American and the Central Press and American Football Coaches Association third teams. He was also voted UPI's Lineman of the Year in the Big Eight conference. Writers covering the 1965 Gator Bowl voted McAdams Oklahoma's outstanding player in the Sooner defeat after he made seven unhelped and seven helped tackles on Florida State backs and intercepted two of Steve Tensi's passes, fighting back 26 yards with one to the 50 from which Oklahoma drove to its second touchdown.

This 6-foot 3-inch, 215-pound senior from White Deer, Tex., located in the Texas Panhandle, played his best against the stoutest opponents. McAdams burned Coach Darrell Royal's Texas Steers with so many different kinds of lightning that he was voted AP Lineman of the Week despite Oklahoma's 28-7 loss.

Although the Longhorns were then No. 1 in all the polls and had bypassed 24 consecutive regular season games without defeat, McAdams bolted on 13 unassisted tackles (the game's high), led Oklahoma's successful goal line stand that was climaxed by his jolting fourth-down tackle of halfback Ernie Koy on the goal, later knocked the ball loose from Koy on the Sooner 13 to prevent a touchdown, recovered a Texas fumble and set up Oklahoma's lone touchdown by intercepting a Texas pass and sprinting back 28 yards to the Horn 15-yard line.

He stung Nebraska by moving fast to pick off a Cornhusker pass on the goal after Nebraska had driven 64 yards. He got 13 unassisted tackles against rugged Missouri and made an incredible interception of a Tiger pass. (Gary Lane, Missouri quarterback, said later, "You can't believe how fast he is. Our guy was wide open when I threw the ball but McAdams came from somewhere. The ball was two feet from our receiver's hands. But McAdams got it.")

In the Kansas defeat, McAdams led the Sooner defense that held Gail Sayers, Jayhawk All-American half, to 36 yards in 13 carries. Oklahoma's coaches voted him the "Ug" Award as the Sooners' outstanding defensive player after he got nine unassisted and nine assisted tackles on Southern California. They also voted him the "Ug" after the Maryland opener when his vicious linebacking hubbed the Sooner defense that held the Terps without a touchdown for the first time in 39 straight games.

Guard Carl Schreiner, Smart senior blocker who made the 1964 Omaha World-Herald All-Big Eight team

and was voted AP Sophomore Lineman of the Year in 1963. Schreiner stands 5-11, weighs 199, hails from Midland, Tex. A pre-dental major, he won the Jay Myers Memorial Award as Oklahoma's finest freshman student-athlete.

**Guard Jim Riley.** Voted AP Big Eight Sophomore Lineman of the Year for 1964. Won the "Ug" Award following last year's Kansas defeat. A big fellow (6-4, 238) from Enid, Okla., Riley may be moved to tackle this fall.

**Ben Hart.** Big (6-2, 202) Negro split end whose hot hands glommed onto six passes for 165 yards and one touchdown against Florida State in the Gator Bowl. He fielded eight for 235 yards and four touchdowns in regular season. Junior from Douglass high, Oklahoma City.

### OPENING PRACTICE LINEUPS

Favoring players with any sort of varsity experience, this alignment will no doubt change rapidly as members of last year's freshman squad challenge vigorously.

**LE—**Ray Haynes, Nehemiah Flowers (squad) and sophomores James Linn (Tulsa Hale), Terry Baumister (Palm City), Alford Knight (OC Grant), Dan Shane (Henryetta), George Scarrin (Wichita, Kan.) Dave Frazer (Folsom, Calif.).

**LT—**Mike Burns (injury red shirt), James Kalm (squad), Mike Smith (squad), James Allert (squad) and sophomores Eddie Lancaster (Shawnee), John Tisworth (Hoover), David King (Lindberg-Wetherbee (Amarillo, Tex.)).

**LG—**Vernon Burkett, Ron Wretford (squad), Tony Jenkins (squad), Alford (squad), James Allert (squad), Oscar Butts (Jenks), Granville Ligatus (Tulsa Washington), Dave Roberts (Dewey), Ashley Rutherford (Midwest City).

**C—**Bill Carlye, Carl McAdams, Paul Bagwell (squad), Don Kindley (squad), and sophomores Bob Craig (McAdams), Robert "Mama" (Fort Worth, Tex.), Ronnie Fisk (Del City), Richard Goodwin (Parsons, Tex.).

**RT—**Gordon Brown, Bill Ross (squad) and sophomores John Kille (Burkburnett, Tex.), Sammy Denton (Lake Village, Ark.), Gordon Wheeler (Carlsbad, N.M.), Don Roberts (Tulsa Edison), Mike Ellis (OC Harding), James Scribner (Muskegoe).

**QB—**John Hammond, Mike Ringy, Ben Hart, Thurman Pichynon (squad), Larry Robinson (squad), Mike Oliver (Richardson), Bob Mims (squad) and sophomores Don Davis (Seminole), Robert Duncan (Duncan).

**FB—**Jon Kennedy, Larry Brown, Alan Henderson, Roger Bains (squad) and sophomores Willie Wayment (OC John Marshall), Tommy Jenkins (Tulsa Webber), Joe Henderson (Folsom, Calif.), Harry Hettmannsperger (Stockton, Calif.), "one letter."

Oklahoma, as you can see, is working hard to attain the position of the Big Eight underdog. But with the recruiting machine that the Sooners have, and the drawing card the mere name of Oklahoma connotes, the Sooners are not to be taken too lightly in the conference race. There is also the possibility that coach Gomer Jones learned something from last year's up-and-down Sooners, and will put it into good use this year. — sports editor.

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# Huskers Halt Missouri's Wins Bahnsen Shuts Out Tigers On Two Hits

The wierd combination of home runs and sparkling pitching highlighted Saturday's doubleheader sweep by Nebraska over defending Big Eight champ Missouri.

Sophomore righthander Stan Bahnsen spun a two-hit 4-0 shutout in the opening contest. Bahnsen, handling his first assignment as a Husker hurler, dueled Missouri' hero of a year ago, Jack Stroud, through four scoreless innings before Nebraska got him some runs to work with.

In the Husker half of the fifth, Stroud walked Joe Gaughan and Curt Johnson. At that point MU coach Hi Simmons pulled Stroud in favor of Mike Eader.

Eader was greeted by his opposite, Bahnsen, who scratched out an infield hit to load the bases.

Two batters later Randy Harris was hit by a stray Eader pitch, driving in the first Nebraska run. Catcher Larry Borschlegl then responded with a single that brought in Johnson from third and Bahnsen from second, and gave Bahnsen all the cushion he needed. John Roux, however, added an insurance homer in the sixth.

The two hits off Bahnsen were harmless leadoff singles in the fifth and seventh frames. For the seven innings he struck out two Tigers and issued only two free passes to first.

Junior left-hander Bob Hergenrader took over the mound duties for Nebraska in the second game, and after a shocking start settled down to earn a 5-2 victory.

Ray Thorpe, silenced in the first game, led off the second game by hammering a Hergenrader fast ball over the 370-foot marker in left field. First baseman Ron Cummins



BAHNSEN ... Fine pitching performance against tough Mizzou.

followed immediately by lashing a double to left.

This rude awakening pushed Hergenrader into shape as he gave up only two more hits over the next five and a third innings.

In the sixth, Thorpe again touched the Lincoln lefty for a four-bagger that, along with a later single in the same frame by shortstop Bob Robben, brought Tony Sharpe to the hill. George Flock, who turned the best performance by a Husker in the opening games earlier in the week, came on to snuff out the fire by no-hitting Missouri the rest of the way.

Hergenrader's seven strike-out pitching was backed by a seven hit attack off Husker bats.

Third baseman Gaughan and center fielder Johnson led the spree. Gaughan cracked two hits and Johnson banged a homer.

The losses snapped Missouri's twenty game conference winning streak.

## NU Golfers Open Season

Nebraska's golf team enjoyed the spring-like break in the weather this week-end, and capitalized on it by playing matches on both Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, NU scored a double victory with wins over Omaha University and the University of South Dakota.

The Huskers topped Omaha 15-3, and topped South Dakota 15 1/2-2 1/2 at the Holmes Park course.

Tom Thompson stroked a four-over-par 76 to lead the wins.

On Saturday, NU entertained Iowa State University of the Big Eight. The Huskers overwhelmed the Cyclones 11 1/2-3 1/2.

John Hurst of Iowa State was Saturday's medalist, carding a 79 on the Holmes course.

For the week-end Nebraska racked up 15 wins over their three opponents, while losing only two matches.

The long wait to get on the links may have sharpened the Huskers aggressiveness for these wins were impressive to the point of being overwhelming.

## Scarlet Net Crew Wins Opener Against Coyotes

Despite a blustery day, Nebraska's tennis team braved the elements and the South Dakota State tennis squad to win 7-0.

Sophomore Scott Nelson, Dean Beebe and Tom Tipton picked up their first varsity wins.

Today the tennis team plays host to Hastings college. Friday's run-downs:

**DOUBLES**  
Sanko-Johnson, Nebraska, def. Clark-Porter, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.  
Nelson-Beebe, Nebraska, def. Kinndon-Williams, 9-7, 6-2.

**SINGLES**  
Ted Sanko, Nebraska, def. Jeff Clark, 7-5, 6-2.  
Scott Nelson, Nebraska, def. Gary Porter, 6-4, 6-1.  
Kile Johnson, Nebraska, def. Dick Kinndon, 6-2, 6-4.  
Dean Beebe, Nebraska, def. Terry Williams, 6-4, 6-2.  
Thomas Tipton, Nebraska, def. Ron

### First Husker Negro

The first Negro to play football at the University was George Flippen, later Dr. Flippen.

Playing under the University's first paid coach, Frank Crawford, Flippen and his 1893 teammates raged past mighty Iowa to avenge an early '90's defeat to the Hawks.

A testimony to Flippen's powerful, aggressive play came when Missouri refused to fulfill its contract for an 1892 contest with NU unless Flippen was benched.

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**PEG-BOARD**  
By Peggy Speece  
They say that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence . . . only in this case it wasn't grass and it wasn't greener—only wetter.  
The Nebraska track squad started out for Iowa State for a meet with ISU and Minnesota last Saturday only to get as far as Atlantic, Iowa before they found out that ISU's track was submerged under water. The Huskers turned around and came back to Lincoln, their outdoor track season suffering further setback.

The main problem this season seems to be something called "Spring?". (Has Nebraska really given up spring for Lent?)  
Until this past weekend, the team was unable to get out on the newly resurfaced Memorial Stadium track. It is doubtful that it will be dry enough for workouts yet this week. The squad has had very little outdoor practice at all, but considering the job the Huskers did in Texas, it would seem they could look pretty good. At any rate, track fans would like to find out.  
With the weatherman forecasting mild temperatures for the end of the week, the track squad will take off for the Kansas Relays April 16 and 17.  
April 20, Houston and Wisconsin visit Lincoln for a triangular meet—that is, if the weather permits the track to dry out.  
And on April 23 and 24, the Huskers will be at the Drake Relays. This meet goes on rain or shine but it is notorious for going on in the rain.  
Mr. Weatherman, if you are reading this article, please take notes!

## Nicklaus Wins Masters

Burly Jack Nicklaus broke all records in winning the Masters championship Sunday in Augusta, Georgia.

Nicklaus fashioned rounds of 67-71-64-69 for a fantastic 271 total—topping Ben Hogan's previous record of 274. The big Bear rushed into the title nine strokes ahead of the nearest contenders to break the previous record of seven strokes which was held by Cary Middlecoff.

The oddsmakers proved to be right for once, as Nicklaus entered the tournament a 4-1 favorite.  
**Nebraskan Applauds**  
New members of Alpha Tau Alpha, national honorary fraternity for men planning to be teachers of vocational agriculture, include: Allen Blezek, Ray Becker, Mark Gustafson, Ronald Jay, Robert Milligan, Terrence Mechalski, Donald Philipps, Don Sigler, Darrel Siekman, Neal Smith, Larry Viterna, Gary Kimbrough and Dean Johnson.

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