

At Oklahoma . . .

Tucker Joins Eligible Ranks But Still Has Fight on Hands

. . . For First Team Assignment

NORMAN, Okl., Feb. 4—Bruce Drake, Oklahoma's young professor of basketball, is sparring with a problem this week as he practices his steadily improving Sooners for Saturday night's battle with rejuvenated Missouri here.

Gerald Tucker, the 200 pound 6 foot 4 1/2 inch Sooner from Winfield, Kas., is now eligible. But where is Tucker going to play?

A month ago the answer would have been easy. Tucker was the driving piston of a green Oklahoma team that nearly everybody licked on an eastern road trip. In spite of the Sooner defeats, the big fellow averaged 16.4 points per game and handled his pivot post job beautifully. The Sooner then came pretty close to comprising a one-man aggregation.

A Big Fight Raged.

But when somebody remembered, a few days before the Kansas game, that Tucker might not be eligible under the Big Six residence rule and the conference faculty men suddenly barred the Winfield phenomena for the remainder of the semester. Drake had to start coaching in earnest. He had lost his star.

Four weeks have passed since then. Oklahomans found them surprising, pleasant weeks as the crippled Sooner team, needled by the Tucker incident, found itself and grimly began to play "assignment conscious" basketball. Four consecutive victories were speared by Drake's sophomore-junior aggregation. Instead of a one-man team, Oklahoma without Tucker had become a nine-man team.

And that's Drake's problem to-

day. Shall he risk breaking up a winning combination to insert even as fine a player as Tucker?

Tucker is believed sure to see some action against Missouri here Saturday. Basketball nowadays is an eight and nine-man squad game and Tucker is bound to have the opportunity of sweating himself against Coach George Edwards' Tigers some time during the battle. But Drake may decide to start the combination that screened so cleverly against Iowa State.

Tucker Rates High.

In workouts this week, Tucker has held his own. The strapping Winfielder is first of all a corking team man. He will willingly pass and screen and his heartening chatter in the thick of battle rivals that of A. D. "Ug" Roberts, noisy Sooner forward who is known up and down the conference for his oral jockeying.

The popular guess here is that the versatile Tucker will fit so smoothly into the new Sooner offensive that after a game or two, nobody will notice he was gone.

Nebraska in Line.

And how Oklahoma will need him! After the dangerous Missouri and Nebraska games, the Sooners go to Ames, Ia., for a return battle against Coach Louis Menze's Cyclones. The Iowans are virtually unbeatable on their own court. Last year they overwhelmed Kansas there 41-29 and also thrashed Oklahoma 44-30. The only game Kansas has lost this year was to Iowa State at Ames.

And after the Iowa State engagement, Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen's powerful Kansas Jayhawkers come to Norman Feb. 27 for Oklahoma's final conference tilt in a throbbing game that because of its Tucker connection may draw 8,000 fans.



The Sports Whirl

By Bob Miller

We dropped in for a chat with our new head coach, Glenn Presnell, yesterday and found him in a happy state...He had shifted his office into the roomy quarters previously occupied by Major Biff Jones...Presnell, 36 years old and looking like a grid candidate rather than head coach, has a personality, pleasing to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

Plans Being Formulated.

In answer to our question of whether he would instigate any particular changes in the department, he said that things would go along in pretty much the same channels as previously. Elmer Holm, newly appointed line coach is scheduled to put in an appearance at Lincoln next week and at that time, he and Presnell will get their heads together to discuss plans for spring practice which will begin on March 2 and will continue for six weeks.

Holm's stay will be short but it will provide for the two to get the machinery for the spring drills set up...Undoubtedly there will be some changes in attack to formulate along with the process of issuing calls to desired football prospects... The spring drill period will end on April 11 giving way to outdoor track and baseball.

No Curtailment.

When we asked him about possible curtailment of spring sports, "Press" had this to say, "As far as everything is now, there will be no curtailment of any of the spring sports, at least on our part. Our schedules may be changed somewhat due to other schools cutting down on their programs. Kansas and Kansas State have cut out tennis and golf and this will necessitate making some additions and changes in these two sports, but we will definitely keep the sports in operation."

Amen In Doubt.

Paul Amen, end coach on the football team, head baseball men-

Sportwriters Wanted

With the advent of a new semester, there are many more athletic activities in progress on the Husker campus. To insure adequate coverage, more sports writers are needed. A knowledge of news writing and an interest in sports are desired qualities. Both men and women are needed. Anyone interested is asked to turn in his name at the Daily office during the afternoons.

Six Gymnasts To Compete

Coach Miller Heads East To Engage Elite in Big Ten

Tuesday afternoon Charley Miller and his sophomore gymnastic team embarked on a four day road trip. Matches will include dual meets with the University of Indiana, and Southern Illinois Normal. The Huskers will conclude the trip by participating in a triangular meet with the University of Chicago and the University of Minnesota.

Coach Miller's chances for a victory are dim because Illinois holds the National A. A. U. and Big Ten championships, Minnesota was runnerup to Illinois in the Big Ten, and Chicago took third place in the 1941 Big Ten competition.

The following men made the trip: Emil Pelcak-Side Horse and Horizontal Bars, Bob Cooper-Tumbling, Collins McMaster-Horizontal and Parallel, George Hodges-Side Horse and Tumbling, Jim Griffith-Parallel Bars and Side Horse, and Cecil Porter-Rings and Tumbling.

The gymnastic team make their first home appearance Feb. 12 with Minnesota furnishing the opposition.

Girl Scouts Give Training Course

Any university woman may take a new girl scout training course, which is being offered at the Chamber of Commerce building.

Girls' Sport

By Susan Shaw

Playing a large part in WAA's physical fitness program, intramurals will demonstrate a "painless" way to exercise this semester. As well, a neophyte in the club world will be the Outdoor Club in which will be grouped all those interested in hiking, bicycling, and roller-skating. The Rifle club will go on as usual, despite controversy. The government has always furnished shells for such activities and will continue to do so as it is deemed necessary to teach women the methods of shooting and caring for guns during the present crisis.

WAA is to sponsor a training course for girls desirous of becoming recreational leaders. This will prove to be most worthwhile as there has been a definite call from Lincoln recreation centers for trained students to help promote programs. Included in the courses will be groups of recreational activities leaders, game leaders, and helpers in Campfire and Girl Scout work. The instruction, given by trained leaders, will be done in a six to eight week period, probably two hours weekly. Further announcements will be made next week. All girls interested are asked to sign up in the Student Union office, and they will be notified as to meetings. WAA will issue certificates for satisfactory completion of the course.

Girls desiring WAA scholarships for this semester must have their names filed by next Wednesday in the WAA office. Three are to be given, one for scholarship and the other two for scholarship and participation in WAA activities. The awards will be announced a week from this Sunday.

Gymnastic Schedule

- Feb. 5 Indiana—there.
- Feb. 6 Southern Ill. Normal—there.
- Feb. 7 Triangular—Chicago.
- Feb. 12 Minnesota—here.
- Feb. 14 Iowa—there.
- Feb. 19 Col. St. College—there.
- Feb. 20 Colorado—there.
- Feb. 21—Rocky Mt. AAU—there.
- Feb. 26—Carlton—there.
- Feb. 27—Minnesota—there.
- Feb. 28—Northwestern Gymnastics Championship—Minnesota.
- Mar. 7 Col. St. College—here.

Wrestling Schedule

- Feb. 7 Iowa—here.
- Feb. 13 Iowa State—there.
- Feb. 14 Cornell college—there.
- Feb. 16 Michigan—there.
- Feb. 17 Michigan St.—there.
- Feb. 21 Iowa St. Tchrs.—here.
- Feb. 24 Kansas State—there.
- Mar. 7 Minnesota—here.

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