

# KU Squad Opens Year Against TCU

LAWRENCE, Kans., Sept. 20, 1944—This weekend the University of Kansas football team opened a four game stand on consecutive weekends on foreign fields. The Jayhawkers will meet four tough foes before performing for a home crowd.

Starting Saturday night Coach Henry Shenk's youthful aggregation tangled in Ruppert Stadium, Kansas City, Mo., with the husky Horned Frogs from T. C. U. of Fort Worth, Tex. The two teams met two years ago and the Texans walked away on a 41 to 6 score.

Denver U. is the next foe for the Crimson and Blue machine. This game will be played on Friday night, Sept. 29 at Denver, Colo. Last year the Coloradans had easy pickings with the Jayhawkers. Coach Shenk plans to take a squad of about 30 on the trip.

The next non-conference foe of the Kansans will be the bowl-minded "Golden Hurricane" of Tulsa university in the Oklahoma oil capital, Saturday night, Oct. 7. These two schools played back in 1933 and 1934 and the Tulsans won both by scores of 7 to 0. The Jayhawkers can hardly hope to hold the strong Tulsans in check.

The Crimson and Blue machine will open the Big Six season Saturday afternoon Oct. 14 playing Iowa State at Ames. Last year the Cyclones won, 13 to 6. The Jayhawkers last defeated the Iowans back in 1941 by a score of 13 to 0. The Cyclones are reported to have a tough aggregation again this season.

The first game of the season for the Mt. Oread crew in Memorial Stadium will be with the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday, Oct. 21. This will be Homecoming for the Jayhawker alumni. Kansas has not defeated Nebraska since 1916. Last year the Scarlet and Cream crew won, 7 to 6.

After the Nebraska game the Jayhawkers move up the Kaw to meet the Kansas State crew. Last year Kansas won 25 to 2. The last time the Aggies upset the Jayhawkers was in 1940 by a count of 20 to 0.

The Oklahoma Sooners close the home grid season for the Kansans in Memorial Stadium Saturday, Nov. 18. The Jayhawkers wind up the season battling the Missouri Tigers in Ruppert Stadium, Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 23. Kansas sprang a surprise on the Tigers last year, winning 7 to 6.

The Jayhawk squad this week is busy preparing for the all-important contest with the Texas Christian eleven in Kansas City, Mo. Coach Shenk gave his club 10 new offensive formations and spent much time working on blocking and tackling. The Kansas squad, about 30 strong, will leave here Saturday for Kansas City, Mo., and will spend the night in the city following the game.

There are no "national" holidays in the United States, since each state decides on its own observance.

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# Sports



## '44 Sooners Present Promising Squad, Face Tough Schedule

NORMAN, Okla., Sept. 23.—A formidable schedule, a promising wartime squad. That's the story of Oklahoma's 1944 football prospects.

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster's defending Big Six champions play the best clubs in two major conferences this autumn. Texas, Texas Aggies and Texas Christian, coached by Dana Bible, Homer Norton and Leo "Dutch" Meyer, will be encountered from the Southwest conference. Oklahoma also meets all the Big Six teams, each with a rejuvenated outfit, and plays a late November clash with Coach Jim Lookabaugh's Oklahoma Aggies, who always shoot their best loads at the Sooners.

The opener here Sept. 30 with the Norman naval air station Zoomers could be the hardest game of all. The Zoomers have a stout tailback-fullback threat in Len Eshmont and Emil Sitko. Both made the All-American service team last year, Eshmont at Del Monte, Eitko at Great Lakes. Previously Eshmont played at Fordham, Sitko at Notre Dame. Lighter and speedier than last year, the Sooners this fall will blend their single wingback formation with a single wingback T. The idea is to flank stronger and heavier foes, instead of trying to overpower them frontally.

And with Derald Lebow, last year's all-Big Six tailback, and Tommy Meason, Ardmore freshman, throwing, the Sooners may try to cut enemy communications by dropping airborne armies. Last year Oklahoma had throwers and receivers galore but passed only 620 net yards, as against 1,617 net yards gained running. The boys liked to run so well that the quarterbacks rarely called a pass.

The Sooner staff of Luster, Dale Arbuckle and Bruce Drake is readying two backfields for the 1944 wars. The No. 1 combination at present includes three starters from last year: Lebow, the 170 pound tailback, Charlie Heard, the 165 pound wingback and Homer Sparkman, the 148 pound blocking back. Billy Wright, a 170 pound fullback from Lubbock, Texas high school, is playing departed Bob Brumley's spot. It's an all-navy quartet.

The No. 2 outfit is nearly all civilian. Meason, the 17 year old Ardmore boy, is at tailback and Basil Sharp, 190 pound Pawnee boy, at fullback. Both were high school players last year, but good ones. Archie Bradley, sub end of the 1942 team, is at wingback. The blocking back is 18 year old Don Weir, a sandy-haired naval

played at Kerrville, Tex., high school. He is the son of Hicnie Weir, center and captain of Dana Bible's great Texas Aggie outfit of 1921 that licked "Bo" McMillin and the Centre college Praying Colonels at Dallas in a post-season upset, 22 to 10.

Oklahoma's problem is development of reserve linemen. The Sooner backs clearly overshadow the forwards. Gone from last year's short-handed team are two all-Big Six linemen, Tackle Lee Kennon and Guard Gale Fulghum, not to mention Guard Don Link, also a starter, and such let-V-12 lad, whose last football was termed as Omer Burgert, Lewis Dunn, Jim Desmond and Joe Breeden.

Don Tillman, fighting 165 pound guard who played 60 minutes in Oklahoma's surprising 20-13 trimming of Missouri for the conference title, hasn't reported yet because of an operation on his eye. Replacements for all those departed gladiators are weak.

Luster's 1944 outfit must also contend against precedent. No Oklahoma team winning a championship ever repeated the following year. Tom Stidham's Sooners of 1938 had even better pros-

## Bench Warming With Wayne Van Horne

With the season opener against the Minnesota Gophers now less than two weeks away, another upset seems to be in store for the Husker squad. Duane Berkey, 210 pound center, is slated for army service in the near future. Berkey returned to his home early this week and received his 1-A classification sometime Tuesday. The loss of Berkey would weaken the center of the line considerably and perhaps cause considerable juggling in the starting lineup.

Junior Collopy, top defensive back and all-state star of last year, is being worked in the

center position in the event that Berkey should not return at all. Collopy had been alternating with Buzz Hollins at fullback but his outstanding defensive record is enough proof that he will be invaluable in the center's linebacking position.

The possible drafting of Berkey by the Army would raise to three the total of first-string gridlers lost since the start of the season. The other men lost are Bob Schleiger, promising Omaha North sophomore, lost to the armed forces, and Bert Gissler, veteran wingman, who left recently to help his father on the farm.

pects in 1939 but finished third. Bennie Owen's undefeated Oklahoma teams of 1911, 1915, 1918 and 1920 lost a total of 15 games in 1912, 1916, 1919 and 1921. Everybody points for a defending champion.

### The 1944 schedule:

- Sept. 30—Norman NAS Zoomers at Norman.
- \*Oct. 7 Texas Aggies at Oklahoma City.
- Oct. 14 Texas at Dallas.
- Oct. 21 Kansas State at Norman.
- \*Oct. 28 Texas Christian at Oklahoma City.
- Nov. 4 Iowa State at Ames.
- Nov. 11 Missouri at Norman.
- Nov. 18 Kansas at Lawrence.
- Nov. 25 Oklahoma Aggies at

Oklahoma City.  
Dec. 2 Nebraska at Oklahoma City.  
\* Night games.

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