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OKLAHOMA 21, TEXAS AGGIES 14

Crowd--filled Taft stadium in Oklahoma City full and slopped over....Bill figgers it about 15,000 and Uncle Billy doesn't miss it far....Both sides, the entire south horseshoe, wooden bleachers in north end all filled.....Then they sat around the playing field six deep....It was our first game in Oklahoma City....Dale is taking four home games there this year, Texas Ags, Tex. Christian, Okla. Ags and Neb.... The idea is to take football to the population centers in time of war, giving war plant populations a chance to see them and obviating the need for transportation.

WEATHER--Cool. About 65. Clear. Great night for game.

Summary--TA led first downs, 15-14...Okla. most rushing yardage, 220 to 141...TA most forward passing yardage, 131 to 51...We hit 4 of 6 however, Lebow pegging them all...We intercepted one pass for 4 yds...they out-punted us, 47 to 30....they had most yards kick-runbacks, 141 to 63...neither team lost the ball on a fumble...we were penalized 51, they 26.

First quarter--Oklahoma drove 74 yards to a touchdown on the ground with Lebow, Louis Dollarhide and Charley Heard running cleverly behind the blocking of our strongside blocking shield, Red Dinkins, Harley, Tigart and Harley Smalley, the Alabama boy....Lebow barreled over on fourth down for the touch....Dub Wooten, who never placekicked a conversion before in his life until this fall, hit the goal kick.
Second quarter...We rolled 75 yards to a second touchdown, this one in six plays, all runs, no passes....The thrill play was a 62-yard reverse by Charley Heard who was bumped out on their 5-yard line....Lebow took three bucks and went over on fourth down....Wooten did his stuff....We led here 14-0 and Snorter put in a whole second team....In four plays Texas A and M had a touch, Cashion passing to Spires for 44 yards and six points....Abraham goaled....14-7....Snorter rushed his tired starters back to put out the fire....Third quarter....Norton cut loose with his tomadic rushing offensive and they marched 80 yards to the tying touch....Our line fell apart like it had been laid open by a swiftly-yanked zipper....Yates, Southwest conference leading scorer, made it....Abraham goaled....on our first team, too.... Many thought we were through....Swell rally by Cadets....fourth quarter--They kicked to us and back we came along "The Lebow Road"....Without surrendering the ball we marched 69 yards in 13 plays to the winning touch....Lebow scored it....Boy how he was driving....He can buck with the best....He threw three passes along the route this time, shot-gunning two to Wooten and one to Dollarhide, last year's sub from Idabel....Old automatic Wooten did his stuff....21-14....Were those babies licked? ...Heck no....they ripped us to shreds trying to score in final moments but Homer Sparkman, our 148-pound blocking back, saved two touches, once with a peach of a tackle in open field, once by slapping down a td pass....at the finish Heard tossed his red helmet 30 feet into the air and our boys huddled, like highschoolers, right out in the middle of the field and gave 15 rahs for Texas A and M....an unusual tribute, for collegions, to a great fighting team....the game was rough, hard but clean....Monte Moncrief, of Dallas, their tackle (what a hoss! We ran away from him all night and still he got us) and captain and Dub, our cap, were buddies at Chicago this summer in all-star game....they kept their boys in line....It looks like a great series....the crowd ate it up....they return to Norman in 1945-46-47-48 for four more games....hurry back, you footballers, we are going to need plenty of help against those babies....they play for keeps....fine team, fine coaches.

This week....Texas at Dallas....45-year old rivaley....Bill Cross says the crowd will go 30,000....not bad for wartime although still way off the crest crowd of 44,791 in 1941 when they shellacked us 40-7....Bible had two cripples, Layne, his new tailback, and Plyler, his 260-lb. tackle....he held them both out of last week's defeat to powerful Randolph Field but they are ready for us....We have Bob Mayfield, our fine center, limping while Red Dinmins has a charley horse as hard as steel.... may not play....KOMA(1,520) and KTUL(1,430) and several Texas stations will carry it.