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OKLAHOMA 34, TEXAS CHRISTIAN 19

THE LOWDOWN....Oklahoma won with a fourth quarter punch after TCU rallied thrillingly to score three touchdowns in the third quarter....the score then was 21-19 Oklahoma....However Bob Mayfield, our center, and Elvin Jackson, our sub guard, intercepted TCU passes in the fourth quarter and we drove to a touchdown off each interception....The game was a little weird in that we outshone them a bit in their speciality, forward-passing, scoring two touchdowns aerially on them and intercepting three of theirs to set up the game-winning touchdowns, while they outran us slightly....Dutch Meyer, their coach, gambled, using virtually an eight-man line to choke our running....However this left his secondary thin and Lebow soon began passing through it....The return to action of Red Dinkins, our left end(out three weeks with a balky "charley") definitely helped....Red is a rough boy.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....first quarter: Dinkins, our game captain, celebrating his first game since October 7, blocked Jackson's punt so solidly that the ball bounded back across the goal, Dinkins following and covering it for a touchdown....Wooten goaled....7-0....second quarter: Wooten partially blocked Mason's punt and TCU was penalized 15 for protesting the referee's decision to give Oklahoma the ball, which left us holding it on their seven....Lebow passed in the left flay to Heard for the td. and Dub goaled....14-0....third quarter: led by Joe Kucera, their tailback who played last year at Rice but was moved by the Navy to TCU, the Frogs came out on fire....receiving our kickoff, they marched 78 yards to score with Merle Gibson, their fine pass-catching end, stealing behind our defense to take a long 43-yard pass from Kucera and score....Mullins missed goal....14-6....Oklahoma then received the kickoff and scored in six plays, Lebow firing a long pass over their safety to Wooten....Wooten goaled....21-6....They received the kickoff and marched 70 to another touch, Kucera again pitching to Gibson in the end zone who made a wonderful catch with Sooners all around....Flowers missed goal....21-12....Three plays later they scored again when we kicked out short after being penalized to our one, and Kucera bootlegged 32 yards to pay dirt....Mullins goaled....21-19....fourth quarter: Lebow punted 50 yards to put them back on their 11 and when Kucera tried a pass, Mayfield intercepted it and ran 18 yards to their six....from there Lebow churned over standing on a weakside buck....Wooten did....28-19....We nearly scored again, Basil Sharp, our freshman full from Shawnee, going 33 yards on a ripping buck with the TCU safety tagging him by one foot to prevent an 86-yard td. run....They stopped us, Lebow punted, they had to pass and this time Jackson jumped into the air and intercepted Harly's deflection to give us the ball on their ~~MMMMMM~~ 45....Lebow cutback for 13, Sharp biffed tackle for 4, Bobby Estep, our 138-pound wingback from Phillips, Texas, ran 28 to a touch standing on a weakside reverse with Wooten blocking their end....Wooten missed goal after hitting 8 in row....He has booted 16 of 19 this year, 84.2 percent....On the next to the last play of the game Estep nearly scored again....He intercepted a pass and returned it down the sideline, weaving and dodging, 50 yards, swan-diving over ~~the~~ the goal....However officials ruled he had stepped out on the Frog 13 and with one play left we didn't have time to score.....34-19.

SUMMARY....First downs earned, Texas Christian 8-7....net yards rushed, Texas Christian, 162-158....forward passing, TCU hit ~~xxxxxxx~~ 10 of 18 for 109, Oklahoma 7 of 16 for 95....Pass interceptions, Oklahoma 3 for 55 yards, TCU 1 for 18....all kick returns, Oklahoma 5 for 108, TCU 7 for 77....total yards, Oklahoma 447-366....fumbles that lost ball, Oklahoma 1....penalties, Oklahoma, 55-50.

SHORTS....Snorter used only 7 subs, Ends Preach Burgert, Jim Marr, Tackle Millard Cummings, Guards Steve Sawyer and Elvin Jackson, Center Al Vogel and Back Tom Meason. Mayfield, our center, played a wonderful game. He had Meyer's short pass game all figured out, grabbing the Frog receivers before they could turn after catching the ball....Although the Frog ball-carriers came to him every conceivable way, full steam, cutting and slowed up from missed tackles, Mayfield wrapped 'em up in his big arms....He was sure fire....Taft stadium nearly full, 12,314....However it wasn't as big as the 15,413 that saw us nose Texas Aggies there three weeks ago.