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OKLAHOMA 21, MISSOURI 21

The Lowdown....Just before the game, the Sooners lost three stars, Derald Lebow, Charley Heard and Willard Cummings, by a Navy doctor's ban....Lebow and Heard had colds, Cummings a bruised knee....Lebow was permitted "one play in each half" and scored touchdowns on both but was in only a few seconds and his signal-calling, punting, passing and running was sadly missed....Heard's loss was even more acute because Arch Bradley and Bobby Estep, his alternates at the start of the season, are both lost, Bradley from a smashed knee that had to be operated and Estep because of transfer to midshipman's school....Missouri played without Bill Dellastatious, Ed Quirk and Jack O'Connell so it was a battle of crippled backfields....The Sooners had no time to season their backfield subs, Missouri played without Dell and Quirk last week while upsetting all-victorious Michigan State, so was a little more ready.

Play-by-play....A tornadic south wind swept the field, practically limiting each club's offense to two quarters....Missouri recovered a Sooner fumble to go into a 7-0 lead in the second quarter after a drive of 30 yards, Kekeris goaling....this was the only touchdown scored against the breeze....Paul Collins, Missouri's senior quarter, scored it on a quarterback sneak off the T....Oklahoma, with Johnny West, former OC Classen boy, in for Lebow and Max Culver of Muskogee in for Heard, tied the score 35 seconds before the half ended with a 65-yard drive, Luster electing to spend Lebow's first play with the ball on the Tiger one....Lebow bored over, Wooten goaling....7-7 at the half....Hell broke loose in the last half....West, a fine little runner-passer, was hot....He quarterbacked and ran and threw the Sooners to a 55-yard touchdown ^{drive} from kickoff which Basil Sharp scored on a six-yard cutback, Wooten goaling....A minute later West returned a Missouri punt 23 yards to the Tiger 11, faking in and going wide, to the Missouri 10-yard line....Culver ran 9 on a reverse, nearly scoring, and then Luster elected to spend Lebow's last play and Lebow trotted in and did his stuff, bucking over from the one....Wooten also did his stuff and Oklahoma led 21-7....But Missouri wasn't licked....Gaining the sweeping wind in the fourth period, they rallied, capitalizing alertly on two Sooner errors....one was an intercepted flat pass, Robinson picking off West's toss to run 40 yards to the Oklahoma 31....from there Collins jockeyed the Missouri T to a touchdown in eight plays, most of them over our weakside with Kekeris and Stone, Tiger linesmen, brush-blocking brilliantly....Kekeris goaled....21-14....Later Sparkman sliced a short 10-yard kick out of bounds on the ~~Maximum~~ Oklahoma 35 and Missouri drove to the tying touchdown in 12 plays, Collins scoring his third td. on the qb. sneak....that put it up to Kekeris, the 273-pound Tiger fat boy tackle....Kekeris laughed off the pressure, booting the conversion over the north hedge...."Kekeris was easy to block, but sure hard to run around," Thurman Tigart, our guard, declared later, out of deference to the Tiger tackle's wide hips....First downs were 11-6, Oklahoma....Net running yardage 124-104, Oklahoma....Passing yardage, 84-22, Oklahoma....Pass interception yardage 70-0, Missouri (they intercepted four of West's passes), kick runbacks, Oklahoma, 167-89....penalties, Missouri, 35-20.

Chaff....Capt. Warren "Lefty" Morris, baseball chunker from Tulsa on Jap's and Daer's team three years ago, won the Silver Star for gallantry in action off Tarawa (Lefty is a marine....the citation said: "Despite the wound in his shoulder, Captain Morris displayed courage and persistence in continuing to lead scattered elements in repeated attacks against enemy strongholds"....Lt. Don Sutliff of Blackwell, Sooner wrestler several years ago, is missing in action over Europe....Winner of the Silver Star, Don has been missing in action twice before (in SW Pacific theater) but got back safely each time....Lt. Harold Tacker, Navy photographic ace who shot movies of the Aleutians campaign and later was decorated, has been visiting on leave here.... Joe Enos, Sooner catcher '42, is a Liason pilot in Italy, flying a cub for the artillery....Lt. Lyle Smith, football end '40, is a pilot and flight leader on a B-24 in Foggia, Italy....Another Sooner rassler who can tell plenty about the Italian campaign is Capt. Warren Gunter of the Air Corps....Writing from a NY APO, Capt. Harold Fleetwood, Marlow, center '33, says: "If this rain holds out I may have to call in Teddy (Ted Owen) to give me a rubdown....I creak like a saw horse."