

# NEW YORKERS HEAP PRAISE ON O'BRIEN

## 1,200 Attend Presentation of Heisman Memorial Trophy to Texan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP).— Little Davey O'Brien, the pig-skin passer from Texas Christian University, who never gets flustered on a football field, blushed furiously Tuesday night when he had to stand up before a crowd of 1,200 New Yorkers and receive the John Heisman Memorial award as "The Outstanding Football Player of the Year."

The crowd of notables, ranging from Postmaster General James A. Farley and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia down to half-forgotten "Old Blues," who used to play football themselves, packed the gymnasium of the Downtown Athletic Club for the dinner and presentation. The trophy was presented to O'Brien by Walter P. Holcombe, club president.

The Heisman trophy, given annually by the Downtown A. C. in memory of its former athletic director, is awarded on the basis of a Nationwide poll of sports writers.

As he gave it to O'Brien, Holcombe said it was a token of esteem not only as a great football player, but as a great sportsman.

"May I remind you here that exceptional men have been great factors in the history of mankind," he added. "We hope your success in after life will be as great as your first success."

O'Brien, turning bright red as he rose, again insisted his teammates deserved most of the credit. "I can't possibly tell you how much I appreciate this," he said.

"I wish to thank my coaches and two captains, I. B. Hale and Ki Aldrich, and my teammates, without whose playing I wouldn't be here tonight.

"We have had a great time here and New York City has shown us Texans a big time."

Davey's mother, Mrs. E. M. K. O'Brien, turned out to be the most popular speaker of the evening, although she competed against such experienced diner outs as Farley, Amon Carter of Fort Worth, who headed the party of 12 that came from Texas for the event, Lieutenant Governor Walter Woodul of Texas, E. M. Waits, president of Texas Christian University, and Coach Leo (Dutch) Meyer.

"I deeply appreciate the praise David has received as a foot-

# O'BRIEN HAILED BY LAGUARDIA, THRONGS

BY THE HIRED HAND  
of The Star-Telegram.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The victorious Horned Frogs and the delegation with them were officially received in New York by Mayor LaGuardia in his offices at 1 o'clock Tuesday.

The trip to the city hall was a parade, which New Yorkers said compared in many respects to the welcome New York has extended to famous fliers. The parade formed at the downtown Athletic Club and was headed by a group of 10 mounted policemen, followed by an old Knickerbocker stage coach.

## Mounted Escort.

Inside the coach rode President E. M. Waits and Lieutenant Governor Woodul. On top of the coach was Davey O'Brien and Amon Carter. The coach was followed by 40 mounted escorts from the sheriff's guard of Staten Island. Then came 10 de luxe cars carrying the other members of the delegation and members of the Downtown Athletic Club where the Heisman Trophy was awarded Tuesday night to Davey O'Brien.

Dense crowds lined the streets for blocks and cheer after cheer went up when they read the huge sign in the parade announcing Davey O'Brien the 1938 outstanding college football player. Movie newsreels and scores of news photographers were busy shooting pictures of the parade and the official reception.

O'Brien and Mayor LaGuardia patiently posed a dozen times at the request of a battery of photographers. The Purple and White boys have been photographed now hundreds of times. Each edition of all New York newspapers has a different series of pictures.

## Fireboat Display.

After the welcome at the city hall the parade went through Wall Street and terminated at the Battery, where at the request of the mayor New York's latest \$1,000,000 harbor fire fighting boat gave a demonstration. This was a unique spectacle, with the dozen giant streams of water shooting into the air, one mounting 500 feet.

Under police escort the party then traveled in the mayor's cars to the Twenty-One Club on Fifty-second Street, where they were guests at a luncheon given by Amon Carter.

New York seems to know the boys are in town, and New York seems to be happy about it. The papers are printing columns and columns all highly enthusiastic about T. C. U. and its record. Their every move is covered by a group of New York's finest policemen and O'Brien, Aldrich and Hale each have a limousine with liveried drivers at their constant disposal.

Without protection O'Brien would be crushed, he says little, just smiles and signs, smiles and signs.

## Clothiers Add to Industrial Lead

Forrest Ford Clothiers improved their standing at the head of the Industrial Bowling League Tuesday night with a 2-1 victory over the Cloverblooms, third place club.

Paul Furchie paced the leaders with 205-573.

Best performance for the night came from Kenney of the T. P. Coal and Oil team at 225-195-227-647, although his team lost three games to Fort Worth & Denver. Corbett led the winners at 248-614.

# 1,200 Cheer as O'Brien Gets Heisman Memorial

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ball player," she said, "but the words of praise given him as a young American make me even more proud. David, to his mother, always has been an All-American."

To Meyer went the credit for the best "crack" of the evening when he remarked:

"Think of it. He threw 19 touchdown passes, more than some teams score in a whole season. But those teams get invited to the Rose Bowl."

The presentation of the award was made in a colorful setting. The vast gymnasium of the athletic club was gaily decorated with the Lone Star flag of Texas occupying a prominent position directly back of the speaker's table. The crowd, drawn from members of the club and sports loving fans from all over the East, made it a gay fiesta with cowboy sombreros, cowboy yells and general feeling of good will for the visitors from Texas.

Early on the program O'Brien and Ki Aldrich received watches from George Trevor of the New York Sun, emblematic of being chosen on that newspaper's All-America eleven. Both made the Associated Press team.

The evening opened with a dinner in the club's dining room after which the presentation ceremonies were started in the gym with Bill Slater as master of ceremonies.

Jim Farley got up to say:

"I had to come. If I hadn't Amon Carter never would have spoken to me. By the way, isn't this the first time Amon has had anything good to say about anything from Dallas. At any rate I want to congratulate Davey O'Brien on his achievements of the past football season and to wish him equal success in the future."

Slater then introduced Bill Corum, sports columnist of the New York Journal and American; Capt. Bill Wood, Army football coach; Eddie Dooley, former Dartmouth quarterback, and Trevor. Each spoke briefly.

Carter then took over and after reading telegrams of congratulation to O'Brien from Governor James V. Allred of Texas and Governor-elect W. Lee O'Daniel introduced the visitors from Texas.

They included Boyd Keith, member of the university's board of trustees; Howard Grubbs, athletic director; Coach Dutch Meyer, Walter Roach, freshman coach, and Hale and Aldrich.

The most serious moments of the evening came when the gray-haired Holcombe got up to award the trophy to O'Brien.

"On this table rests a piece of statuary, he said. "It is symbolic of all that is best in football; symbolic too of John Heisman's spirit. The spirit of a coach, gentleman and scholar who loved football. We think you are worthy of this trophy, worthy to be a successor to such men as Jay Berwanger of Chicago, Larry Kelley and Clint Frank of Yale, who received the first three trophies.

"It is a remarkable tribute, not only to your ability as a football player but to your personality. I think one of the most interesting things about it was that the poll of the Nation's sports writers—for whose help he are indebted—showed you a leader in every section. Your genius on the football field overcame mere sectional pride. You truly were the outstanding player of the Nation.

"And so to you, 150 pounds of genius, will power and intelligence on the field, courage, manliness and sportsmanship at

all times we present this trophy. You are entitled to it. You have enshrined yourself in the hearts of the American people.

"May I remind you that exceptional men have since the dawn of history been the greatest factor in the rise of mankind. May your success in after life be as great as it has been thus far."

Cheer after cheer, interspersed with cowboy "yipees" swept the room as Davey stepped forward to the microphone to make his speech of acceptance. It was short but to the point.

"I am certainly appreciative of the high honor it is to be here and to receive the Heisman trophy. I fully realize the significance and I thank you as sincerely as I know how. We had a fine welcome last night, we had a fine parade to the city hall today. Everyone from Mayor LaGuardia on down has made us Texas folks feel right at home.

"But I feel I must give full credit to the men who made me; to Coach Dutch Meyer who taught me all I know, to his assistants, to those two great linemen Ki Aldrich and I. B. Hale, to the sports writers of the Nation who always have been fair and courteous in their treatment of my play.

"I am not much at speaking so I can not begin to tell you how much it all means. But I hope this will help."

In addition to those already named, representatives from every major college in the East were present. Among them were three Yale stalwarts of football's "Stone Age," Pa Corbin, captain of the great Eli team of 1888, Edward P. Twombly and Julian Curtiss.

Others present included Christy Walsh, chairman of the All-America Football Board, Judge Samuel B. Hoyt, president of the Amateur Athletic Union; Paul Whiteman, the band leader; W. B. Prince, chairman of the Heisman Memorial Trophy Committee, and representatives of every New York newspaper and press associations.

## Charles Town (W. Va.).

FIRST RACE—\$400, claiming, for 3-year-olds and up, four and one-half furlongs:

James Pal (Coffman) . . .	4.60	3.00	2.60
Flyot (Gower) . . . . .	9.00	5.00	5.20
Gons Baby (Waters) . . . . .	3.20		
Time, 54 4-5. Also ran, Shantime, Orphan Lass, Quick Vine, Billie Dee Or and Fair Design.			

SECOND RACE—\$400, allowance, for 2-year-olds, six and one-half furlongs:

Accidental (West) . . . . .	9.00	4.40	2.60
Bob Junior (Snyder) . . . . .	4.00	3.00	
General Hay (Faust) . . . . .	2.40		
Time, 1:32 4-5. Also ran, Sail By, Colin Rol, Extra Good, Game Chaser and Georgetown.			

THIRD RACE—\$400, claiming, for 3-year-olds and up, six and one-half furlongs:

Blind Talk (Kirk) . . . . .	8.20	4.60	3.60
Rough Buddy (West) . . . . .	5.20	3.20	
Handley (Coffman) . . . . .	2.60		
Time, 1:32 3-5. Also ran, Flying Cherokee, Darling Pat, Parallel, Down Timber, Aunt Myne.			

FOURTH RACE—\$400, claiming, for 4-year-olds and up, about seven furlongs:

Early Broom (Mattison) . . . . .	8.60	4.00	3.00
Tuleyries Star (West) . . . . .	4.40	3.40	
Bynuns Run (Fowler) . . . . .	10.60		
Time, 1:38 3-5. Also ran, Star Turn, Groatell, Ktwo, Jack Emma, Square Play.			

FIFTH RACE—\$500, allowance, for 3-year-olds and up, mile and one-sixteenth:

Unheralded (Sylvester) . . . . .	3.80	3.00	2.40
Star Mint (Bernhardt) . . . . .	7.20	3.60	
Land Lubber (Denford) . . . . .	3.80		
Time, 2:00. Also ran, The Queen, Channing and Flying Vim.			

SIXTH RACE—\$500, claiming, 4-year-olds and up, mile and an eighth:

Tommy Rose (Horn) . . . . .	6.20	3.40	2.80
Bargain Boy (Balducci) . . . . .	4.00	4.00	
Playing Dan (Ward) . . . . .	5.80		
Time 2:08. Also ran, Penway, Lanlovla, More Pop and Big Bud.			

SEVENTH RACE—\$500, claiming, 3-year-olds and up, mile and one-sixteenth:

Lat Scamp (Ward) . . . . .	3.40	3.00	2.40
Doctors Gift (Rossi) . . . . .	11.40	5.00	
Aleene (Snyder) . . . . .	11.20		
Time, 2:03 4-5. Also ran, Hustle Home, Keswick Hill, Kiev Ray, Pocket Piece and Ross.			

# Billy Rose Gets Ideas From Dave

(AND VICE VERSA)

BY BILL CORUM

International News Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Coach Dutch Meyer, Davey O'Brien, I. B. Hale, and Ki Aldrich, of the Texas Christian University football team, scouted Billy Rose Tech in the Casa Manana Monday evening. It was the consensus of their opinion, when the game was over, that Mr. Rose had put together an excellent combination.



"This is the real Sugar Bowl," said O'Brien.

DAN HILL.

"I liked the formations and the footwork, and Lou Holtz, Benny Fields, Vincent Lopez and Miss Helen Morgan form an All-American backfield. If they have such shows in this town every night, maybe I made a mistake in not going to Fordham."

Of course, the Casa Manana is not exactly a novelty to folks from Fort Worth. Rose tried a Casa Manana down there a couple of Summers back, and wound up by staying two years, when the "Little Barnum of Broadway" went West, he promised to make Texas the biggest State in the Union. Sam Houston and others had beat him to that by a few years, but he did give Fort Worth a great big show.

## BILLY WANTS JOB

The minute Rose got a peep at Davey O'Brien and found out that T. C. U.'s Wee Willie Winkie of the gridiron wouldn't be back with the team next season, he applied to Coach Meyer for the quarterback job.

"I thought those All-Americans all weighed 250 pounds and stood at least six feet," explained Billy. "Maybe I made a mistake in concentrating on the dray-ma when I went to school. Maybe I should have been an All-American, so I could wear one of those little gold footballs on my vest."

"Well," judiciously opined the large I. B. Hale, "if you had won a gold football, you'd have to hire somebody to carry it around for you."

Those who have watched the Horned Frogs play this year tell me that this fellow Hale's name would fit him better if he had the same initials but one more "l" and one less "a" in the last part. It would then come out—but figure it out for yourself.

Hale, hale, the gang's all there—when he is.

They tell me that's the way he plays and that he and Aldrich have been in no small way responsible for O'Brien's pass wizardry. Aldrich is one of the country's crack centers. A center, you know, can make or break a backfield star. That first pass is the one nobody ever thinks about until the pivot man turns up with a sour one.

I don't recall much mention of it, but in the Pitt-Ruke battle in the snow, Dan (Tiger) Hill of the Blue Devils was putting his passes in Eric Tipton's hands exactly where the punter asked for the ball. All those things make a tremendous difference. A kicker who must stoop, stretch, snatch, grab and pray has two strikes on him all the time.

## LATCH STRING'S OUT

Incidentally, those fire-eating Southerners, who now seem to be disposed to ridicule the thought that Pitt ever was in that ball game at Durham, should pipe down until the Rose Bowl game is over. They should also try to bear in mind that the Panthers played the Dukes practically off their feet along the ground in the first half.

But here, here. Starting with Davey O'Brien, we wind up in the Rose Bowl. Which was more than David and his pals did. "Slingshot Davey," however, slew all the Goliaths they lined up before him. You can't properly ask a fellow for more.

And now, that all the Goliaths save those at Carnegie Tech are slain, we predict that Dave will slay Gotham during those next few days. He's that sort of youngster—smart, likeable, modest.

To him and his teammates and coaches, we extend the welcome of our town and hope they'll find it lots of fun. As their patron, Amon Carter, delights to say of his Shady Oak Farm near Fort Worth:

"The latch string is always out."

# DUTCH TELLS 'EM ABOUT PASSES

BY DREW MIDDLETON.

Associated Press Sport Writer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Leo R. Meyer, "The Little Dutchman" who coached Texas Christian to the Southwest Conference championship and the No. 1 spot in the Nation's football rankings this year, believes the game in his sector is as good or maybe better than anywhere else in the Nation.

Dutch is in town to see his All-America quarterback, Davey O'Brien, receive the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the season's outstanding player. He is a short, keen-eyed little man with no airs about him and an ability to talk football anywhere, anytime. As a further recommendation, he hasn't yet mentioned "building character."

"Why, I think our football is pretty darn good," he said mildly. "The line play, while not as severe as it is in the Northeast and Midwest, is better than you think. Of course we do more passing, but I think your coaches would pass more if the weather would allow them to. Perhaps I have been lucky in handling Sammy Baugh and O'Brien, but I haven't had the passes boomerang back at me."

He smiled. "I don't want to preach, but I really think the boys have more fun playing our kind of football. They're sorry, not glad, when they're through."

What makes a good passing attack? In Meyer's book there are five fundamentals.

- (1) Protection of the passer.
- (2) The ability of the receiver to get past the secondary.
- (3) The ability of the receiver to maneuver downfield once he has the ball.
- (4) The ability of the receiver to catch the ball.
- (5) The ability of the passer to anticipate the receiver, "not throwing to him when he's clear, throwing to him the moment before he breaks clear."

"This year we had all that. We had a great passer in O'Brien and our cup defense worked wonderfully protecting him. We had fine receivers. Best of all we had a running game, a real threat all the time, that kept our opponents from stressing pass defense too much. I never expect to see another team like this one."

The Christians meet Carnegie Tech in the Sugar Bowl New Year's day. What does Dutch think of the game?

"I'd be silly if I said I didn't think we'd win, but we know we are in for a tough game. We all feel we have the best team possible in Carnegie Tech. All through the time when the bids were flying around, we wanted only one thing, to secure the best eleven possible. We'll show you something in New Orleans New Year's Day."

Someone asked Meyer to compare Baugh and O'Brien. "That's a tough question. I'd say that on this year's record O'Brien was the better. On three years' record Sam was tops. But both are great."

Center Ki Aldrich and I. B. Hale, a tremendous tackle, came along on the trip.

"Sort of bodyguard for me and Davey," Meyer explained, "...we're both little fellows?"

## Seabiscuit Named For Santa Anita

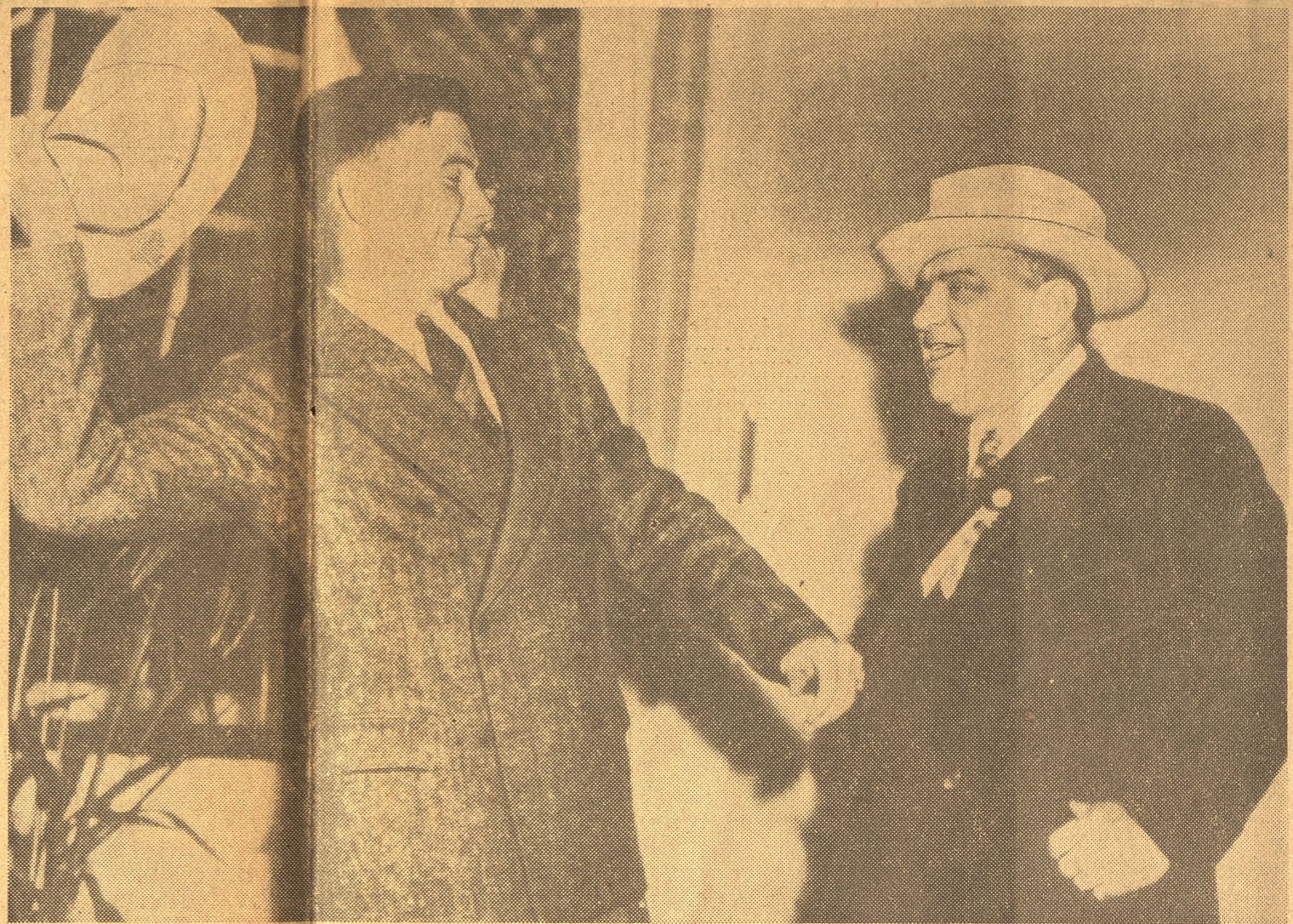
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6(P).—One hundred seven thoroughbreds, including all the leading turf campaigners of the country except War Admiral and Lawrin, 1937 Kentucky Derby winner, were nominated today for the Santa Anita Handicap with its \$100,000 added money, to be run here March 4.

Fourteen foreign horses, along with such American worthies as Stagehand, defending champion; Seabiscuit, campaigner for leading money-winning honors; Dauber and most of the year's prominent handicap winners were included in the record total.

Included in the list are such thoroughbreds as Jacola, Edward Friededley's 3-year-old filly; Pasteurized, owned by Mrs. W. P. Stewart; Marica, T. D. Taggart's black mare; W. E. Boeing's Porter's Mite; Honey Cloud, Mrs. A. J. Abel's fleet chestnut gelding; The Chief, stablemate of Stagehand; Thanksgiving, entered by Mrs. Parker Corning; Cravat, Townsend B. Martin's brown 3-year-old colt; Movie Magnate Louis B. Mayer's Routine, and Mrs. E. Denmark's War Minstrel.



**THE PRESENTATION**—Here is T.C.U.'s DAVEY as he received the Heisman Memorial Trophy (in foreground) from WALTER HOLCOMBE, president of the Downtown Athletic Club, which annually sponsors the poll to select the outstanding football player. —(I.N.S. Soundphoto, phoned to The Star-Telegram).



**LIKE THIS, MAYOR!**—When DAVEY O'BRIEN and the Fort Worth delegation called at New York's City Hall, Tuesday, MAYOR FIORELLO H. LAGUARDIA (right) wanted to know how the T. C. U. All-American threw those 19 touchdown passes. Using his hat as a make-believe football, Davey drew back and explained: "You see it's like this, Your Honor!" —(I.N.S. Soundphoto, telephoned to The Star-Telegram Tuesday night).



**CENTER OF ATTRACTION**—The Texans made a grand approach to the New York City Hall Tuesday. To the intense delight of admiring thousands, they paraded down the street in an old Knickerbocker stage coach. Mounted policemen cleared the way, 40 mounted escorts from the sheriff's guard of Staten Island and a string of fine automobiles followed the coach to the mayor's office building. Above is shown a small portion of the colorful lineup. In the coach are President E. M. Waits of T. C. U. and Lieutenant Governor Woodul. On top are O'Brien and Amon Carter. —(I.N.S. Soundphoto, telephoned to The Star-Telegram).

**MASONS REVIEW**  
BY LORIAN  
Star-Telegram

Fully aware that a welterweight football team can't beat a heavy weight team with "head and head" football, H. N. (Rusty) Russell, coach of the Masonic Home District 7 champions, will switch back to revising the team's offensive Wednesday afternoon in preparation for the Texas Interscholastic League quarterfinal game at Dallas Saturday against Highland Park's big Highlanders.

Tuesday the Masons were drilled in defense.

Although Russell believes there's no chance whatever of his team winning, he admitted that changing offenses is nothing new.

"We've had to juggle between every game," he said.

Phillip Earp, fine utility back still is in the hospital, and so is Jack Bates, the 137-pound left guard. Bates has an attack of stomach trouble, and may recover in time for some duty.

If not, Bates will be replaced by Earl Webster, who is heavier, but not so swift on offensive maneuvers. Russell is cheered more each day

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**Linton Slated for Job as Cat Pilot**

BY BILL VAN FLEET  
Star-Telegram Sports Writer.

From minor leagues' baseball trade marts at New Orleans came the following facts and rumors Tuesday:

Almost certain appointment of Catcher Claude (Bob) Linton, now Toledo property and formerly with Galveston in the Texas League, as manager of the Fort Worth Cats for 1938.

Selection of George (Mule) Haas, former Philadelphia and Chicago American League outfielder, to lead the Shreveport Sports.

Offer of the Houston managerial post to Eddie Dyer, now vice president of the Buffs and an official of the St. Louis Cardinal chain, with the rejection or acceptance to be made within the next few days.

Announcement from Oklahoma City Indians that the only other vacant managerial berth would be filled by Wednesday night from a list of three men now under consideration.

Appointment of Haas fills the spot left vacant in midseason last year when Bubba Jonnard was forced to

Gulf breeze proves an almost constant handicap to lefthand hitters.

If he is named to lead the Cats, it will be his first managerial attempt, although he was considered, along with Jack Mealey, as a successor to Billy Webb in 1935. Mealey landed the job.

Linton possesses one of those soft-on-the-outside, tough-on-the-inside personalities that should make him a good leader. He is amiable and was universally liked, both by players and fans.

He hustles on the field, and once aroused is a handy fellow with his fists.

This was proven in 1935 when he acted as a one-man wrecking crew against the Beaumont Club in a gang fight. He finally "took care of" three Exporter players before the fighting stopped, the chief victim being First Baseman George Archie, who later became his teammate at

**7 MORE YEARS FOR NEYLAND!**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 6 (AP).—Maj. Bob Neyland signed a contract Tuesday to remain at the University of Tennessee as football coach and athletic director for seven more years.

President James D. Foskins announced the agreement and said the contract was, in effect, a five-year extension of the major's present contract, which has two more years to run.

