



Following a visit to the Mayor's office inside City Hall the party including many of our members then went outside where the sound films were made. The Staten Island Sheriff's Posse of twenty five riders added interest and color to the proceedings.

What Texas Thought of the Heisman Trophy Award

As publicity lineage continues to roll up a greater total than ever before, it is interesting to read about what the Home Folks thought of this year's award to Davey O'Brien.

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 pigskin 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.

Davey's mother, Mrs. E. M. K. O'Brien, turned out to be the most popular speaker of the evening, al-

though 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 football 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



The arrival of the Texans in Penn Station. Colonel Amon Carter, Mrs. O'Brien and Davey O'Brien in the foreground. The special airliner that left Fort Worth in the morning was forced down at Washington because of bad weather. The party was transferred to a special car for New York.



On top the old stage coach in the parade down Broadway, Davey and Colonel Carter had a great time. The old coach used to run between Philadelphia and Staten Island and Leonard Sutter borrowed it for our parade.

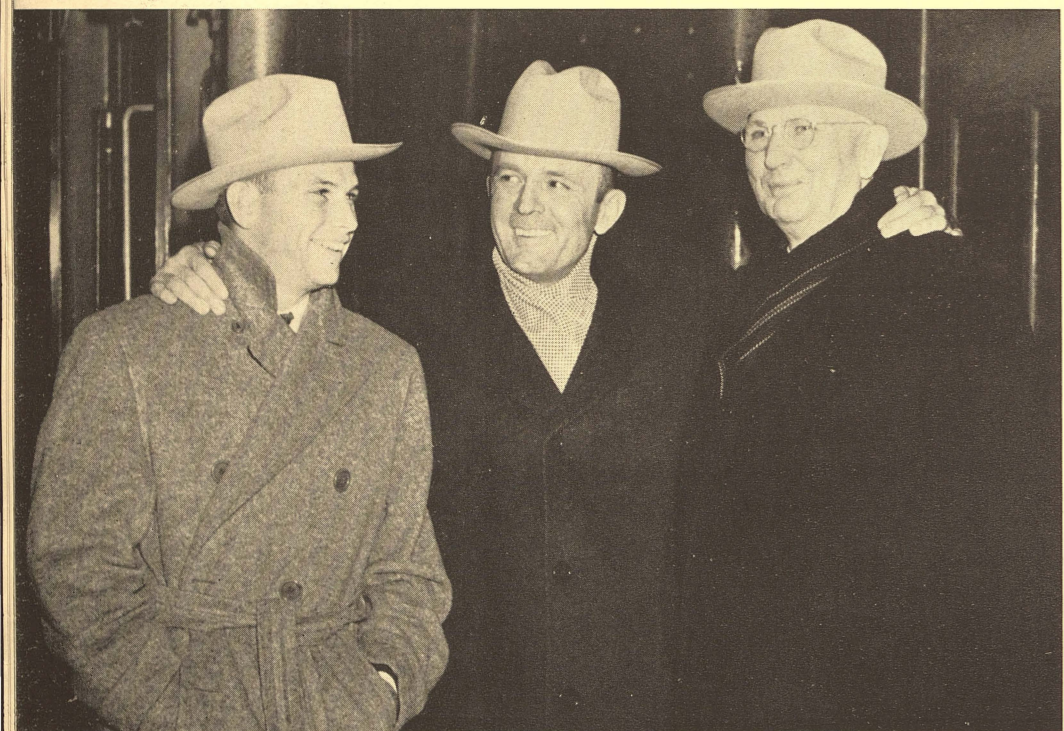
that is best in football; symbolic too of John Heisman's spirit. The spirit of a coach, gentleman and scholar who loved football. We think you are worthy of this trophy, worthy to

be a successor to such men as Jay Berwanger of Chicago, Larry Kelley and Clint Frank of Yale, who received the first three trophies.

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Ki Aldrich and I. B. Hale, T.C.U. football players of All America calibre were kept busy autographing hats Below: Davey O'Brien, Head Coach Dutch Meyer and President E. M. Waits of Texas Christian University as they stepped out of their special car.



"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 we 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 accept-

ance. 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, Henry B. 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.

Davey's Words Hit Mark

By FLEM HALL

Sports Editor,

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

He took dead aim on the microphone before that huge and illustrious company and let fly with words as true as the passes he hurls under the crushing pressure of rushers in a game. If he blushed it was to his credit, evidence of his modesty. He didn't stammer and he didn't hesitate.

"My mother and my friends," he started, and with well chosen words and in a calm voice he proceeded to express his appreciation in a manner

that was a credit to all of football as well as to himself.

Davey didn't make a long speech. It was brief and to the point, ringing with sincerity.

He generously gave credit to his coaches, teammates and all things that enabled him to win the award.

John Heisman Would Have Been Proud

John Heisman would have been proud of O'Brien. The old coach in whose name and memory the award is made by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York loved a boy as an upstanding young American of wit and character as well as for his ability as an athlete, and on his feet speaking to that crowd famed people in New York in the biggest moment of his young life Robert David O'Brien proved himself a young man worthy of the honors that have come his way.

Coach Dutch Meyer took the words out of everyone's mouth when he said:

"Davey is All-America off the football field as well as on it."

O'Brien Hailed by LaGuardia and 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



Above: President Walter P. Holcombe of D.A.C. congratulates Davey as the year's Outstanding College Football Player. The Trophy was presented under the Flag of the Lone Star State. Right: Larry Kelley who won the Heisman Trophy in 1936 congratulates Davey.

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.

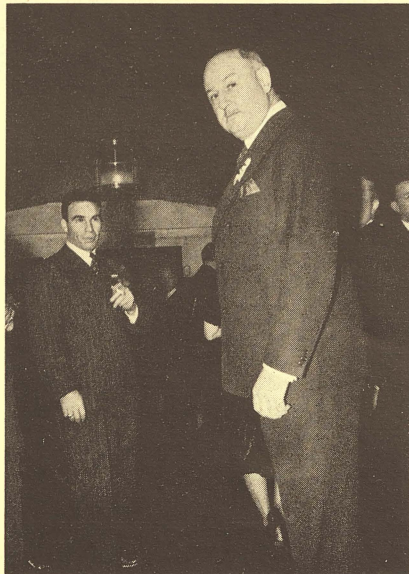
Under police escort the party then traveled in the mayor's cars to the Twenty-One Club on Fifty-second Street, where they were guests at a luncheon given by Amon Carter.

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.

Davey Returns with Trophy

FORT WORTH, Dec. 7. — Still aglow over their rousing reception in New York, a boisterous, something-doing-every-minute welcome that left them worn and weary, Davey O'Brien and the group of Texans who flew East to see him receive the Heisman trophy returned home Wednesday morning. Their special American Airlines liner sat down at Municipal Airport at 10:20 o'clock.



Postmaster General James J. Farley was one of the speakers at the Heisman Trophy Award.

If the party believed the round of cheering crowds was over it was badly mistaken. For more than 200 friends, fans and T. C. U. folks were on hand to welcome them home. And, as one of the travelers remarked, the "home crowd was the best they had seen."

Members of the party had so many things to tell that they were surrounded one by one by groups of friends to "talk it out." The conversation waxed loud enough to dim the roaring motors of a departing plane but it will probably be many days before the whole story is told.

Only 11 of the party of 12 returned. Amon Carter remained in New York after seeing the group off on the plane at 2 a.m. The return trip was uneventful, most of the group sleeping until 9 a.m.

Capt. I. B. Hale of the Frogs was first off the plane. He was followed by Ki Aldrich, Davey, Boyd Keith, Mrs. O'Brien, Coaches Dutch Meyer, Mike Brumbelow, Howard Grubbs and Walter Roach. President E. M. Waits of T. C. U. and Lieutenant Governor Woodul were last to descend.

Keith carried the huge Heisman trophy in both hands. It is of bronze and stands two feet tall. It is about three feet long and weighs around 20 pounds. It is engraved to "David O'Brien, outstanding football player of the 1938 season." The trophy was the center of interest after the first flush of welcome died down.

Davey, the "air man" of football,

didn't do so well in the air himself. He admitted some air sickness going up. So did Coach Meyer.

"Never had more fun in my life," President Waits grinned. "Sick? Not a bit. We old folks know how to fly."

He seemed to enjoy every minute of the trip and especially the plane ride. So did Captain Hale who reported it was "just like a Pullman." Ki Aldrich held his own in every department, the party reported.

"It was the greatest show New York has seen since the Lindbergh welcome," Keith said seriously. "They really put it on. I never saw anything like it in my life."

Dave said the ride along Broadway on the top of the Knickerbocker stage coach was a cold affair. Although there was no snow, the temperatures were around freezing all the time the group was in New York.

First to greet David was Frances Buster, the girl in the case. Every body embraced nearly everybody else at some time during the welcoming but Dave's first greeting was by far the warmest.



Fall In With the Mixers

Swimming Championships

William Sanford, our club's swimming representative at the A. A. U., together with Fred Spongberg, attended the meeting of the Women's Swimming committee at the Metropolitan Association on Tuesday, November 22nd.

At this meeting The Downtown Athletic Club was awarded several choice championships to be contested for at our swimming meet in February, 1939.