

## While rest of Big 8 plots ambush

# Sooners to boom once again

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It's the unfamiliar that will decide the Big Eight football race this year, according to the conference coaches.

"People talk about the offenses because that's the easiest thing to talk about," Missouri coach Al Onofrio said Monday at the Big Eight's annual kickoff luncheon.

"The offenses are more exciting and more familiar. But the Big Eight has many good defenses and you'll see that the teams with the

best defenses end up with the best records.

"Look at that span of three or four years when Oklahoma was so dominant, from 1971 to 1974. They had outstanding defensive teams. There were days when their offense wasn't quite up to snuff but the Oklahoma defense kept taking the ball away from the other team until the offense could finally get untracked."

The people who finish second or third in defense in the Big Eight are the ones who finish second or third

in the standings," said Oklahoma State head coach Jim Stanley.

"All of us can put points on the scoreboard. It's the ones who can keep the other team off the scoreboard most consistently that finish with the best records."

Oklahoma, which ranked second in total defense in finishing as one of the Big Eight tri-champions last year, has 16 returning starters to establish itself as the favorite this season. Eight of the starters are on the defense, including prospective

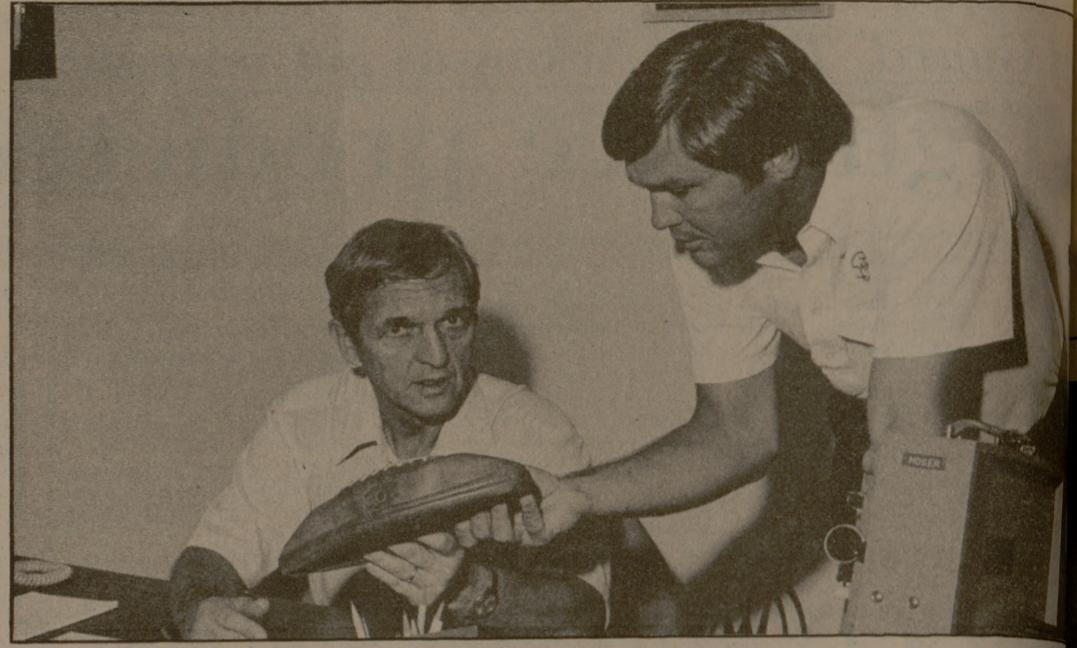
All-America nose guard Reggie Kinlaw.

"This year will be a great challenge for us to be as good as in the past," said Oklahoma head coach Barry Switzer.

"We're not as good as our teams in 73-74-75 but we are better than our 1976 team simply because the personnel didn't change much. All our players will benefit from the experience of last season."

Every team in the Big Eight, with the exception of Kansas State, finished with an overall record above .500 last season and, as has always been the case, no one is conceding anything to Oklahoma in 1977.

"Oklahoma has more returning letterman and should be the favorite," said Onofrio. "But some team in the bottom seven is going to rise up and challenge Oklahoma. This is the best balance we have ever had. The conference champion will not go undefeated."



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## New Texas legislation ups fees on licenses, boat titles

Texas legislators in the 1977 session passed 88 bills which in one way or another affect the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, legislation ranging from an increase in nonresident hunting license fees to a bill which raises fees for certificates of title on boats.

Two nonresident hunting license fees go into effect September 1 — a general nonresident license for \$100.75. The general license is valid for hunting any species of game which legally may be taken in the state and is required to hunt deer, turkey, elk, antelope, bear, javelina and aoudad only in those Panhandle counties where there is a season. Nonresident fishing license fees will increase to \$10.50 September 1. Citizens of the Republic of Mexico

who are traveling in Texas with a visa and fishing in coastal waters require no fishing license.

Resident fishing license fees will post a modest 25-cent increase in September. Fifty cents of the \$4.50 resident license will go to license sales deputies.

Exempt hunting licenses for Texas residents also increase slightly — from 25 cents to \$1.25. These licenses are for Texans under the age of 17 or over 65 years of age.

Effective date of both hunting and fishing licenses has been standardized. Now both licenses will be valid from September 1 of one year to August 31 or the following year. This piece of legislation took effect June 1 and those fishing licenses purchased between then and Sept. 1, 1977, will be valid until Aug. 31, 1978. Those fishing licenses bought before June 1 will expire one year from date of purchase.

No license is required of residents in state schools and hospitals engaged in recreational fishing as part of medically approved therapy under supervision of hospital or school personnel.

Veterans of the U.S. armed forces who suffer from service-connected disabilities rated at 60 per cent or more may buy special fishing licenses of \$1.25.

No single piece of legislation affecting the P&WD received as much emotional comment from sport and commercial fishermen as the Red Drum Conservation Act.

Senate Bill 624 limits the number of redfish or red drum to 10 per day and 20 in possession for sport fishermen as of September 1 and limits commercial fishermen to 200 pounds of redfish per day. And come Oct. 31, 1978, Parks and Wildlife Commissioners will have authority to close bays to commercial fishing of redfish if it's determined that more than 90 per cent of the redfish quota from a specific bay has been harvested.

A special \$50 red drum license was approved by the Texas Legislature which is valid from October 1 of one year through September 30

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