kinson Needs Bowl Win

If Bud Wilkinson doesn't make the Orange Bowl, he ain't a-gonna make the United States Senate. It's as simple as that

You may get your poop on American political institutions from Brogan or Commager, or even Bryce or De Tocqueville. I get mine from the old sports pages

Bud Wilkinson is head football coach and athletic director at the University of Oklahoma. He's a member of Rotary International. He's a big split-T football man. From 1953 to 1957 his Okie teams won 47 consecutive

games, before losing to Notre Dame, 7-0.

More important, he is "Physical fitness consulthe Kennedy Administration. This makes him the top athletic buff in the country. The job doesn't pay him a dime, which is about what it's worth.

(I think the President's fitness program is not only a tearing bore, but possibly medically dangerous as well; but no matter.)

Bud is 47, handsome, white-haired, and found time for dramatics in college. He has had an eye cocked on the Senate seat held by former Oklahoma Governor James H. Edmondson, a Democrat.

The word is around that Bud will retire in January as coach to run for the Senate as a Republican. He hasn't denied the story. Although a registered Democrat, he sees a richer, fuller life as a Republican candidate with Barry Goldwater on the presidential ticket, and lots of oil money to sweeten the pot.

In the view of many Oklahoma political experts Bud blew his Senate chances last month when his Heroes bowed to Texas in an upset, 28-7. When Oklahoma loses to Texas (sometimes called Baja Oklahoma) it's like the first battle of Bull Run. Only worse.

One political expert, Oklahoma Representative Tim Dowd, put it on the line. "Bud," he said, "will have to win the rest of the games and then come up with an Orange Bowl victory to offset the Texas loss in my opinion

"I would guess that the loss easily cost him 50,000 to 75,000 votes. Oklahomans take their football just about as seriously as they take their politics.'

I daresay. Oklahoma ain't the most advanced State

Red Wings Gain Hockey Triumph Torrance Olympic Minor Leafs, participating in the Ju-

Hockey Assn. history was made over the weekend when the Red Wings became the first team in the association to win

a game.

Eddie Feist knocked in a second period goal with an assist from Mike Anderson and Anderson came back later to account for an unassisted goal club will go against Pasadena. Anderson came back later to account for an unassisted goal to give the Red Wings a 2-1 victory over the Van Nuys Hawks in Pee Wee division ac-

Keith Anderson, Mike Anderson, Bobby Burnett, Steve
Dorney, Eddie Feist, Laine
Genest, Stefan Malczewski,
Mike McGiffin, Frank Robinson and Robert Smith participated in the win. John Watson
Coaches the Bed Winer.

coaches the Red Wings.

Earlier, the Red Wings dropped a 9-1 decision to the Pasadena Singrays as Feist account-ed for the lone Torrance score. In Bantam division competi-

tion, the Torrance Bruins fell, 10-2, to Culver City. The Maple

Local Golfer Hits Perfect Tee Shot

Lomita golfer Gordon Hicks came home from the new Do-mingez three-par public golf course a happy man last week. Hicks sank a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. Four other golf-ers also sank their tee shots

last week, Julie Coots of Man hattan Beach, Gus Sutherland of Los Angeles and John Mal-lard of Wilmington also shot

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Had wicked old Texas not intervened, we might have had an interesting campaign. Instant politics, you might say. Bud's entire program would have been built around the single word, "Viguh."

We would have had no baloney about segregation, or bimetalism, or war debts, or the Common Market, or spending, or fallout, or any of that stuff. Just Lon Simmons' old war cry, "A look at the scoreboard

Attorney Seymour Farber highlights the newest crisis: "Through the years it has not been too difficult to live with footballs in politics but I suspect that coming to grips with politics in football will be unbearable

"Imagine the pressure on the Oklahoma team! Gone are the days when the young gladiators will be beseeched to win a game for glory of the school, or to win it for the crippled third-string halfback tearfully watching it on television from his hospital room. At stake will be the political future of Candidate-Coach Wilkinson and the Oklahoma Republican party.

"Can political neophyte Wilkinson be relied on to lay the real issues on the line for the team? How their victory may in turn result in preservation of the 27 and one-half per cent oil depletion allowance, in keeping spending down and in maintaining individual

"I think not. Undoubtedly more experienced political hands will be called in to the rocker-room at halftime to whip up the proper frenzy.

"Knute Rockne's legendary halftime exhortations will pale in comparison. I predict, when an old pro like Everett Dirksen puts his talents to the task."

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