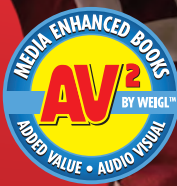


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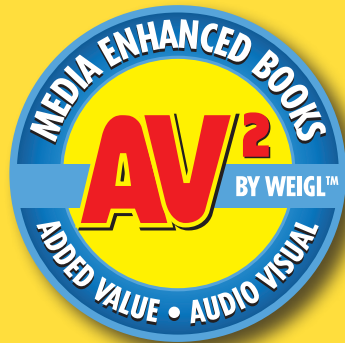
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Introduction

When the Oklahoma Sooners first took the field in 1895, they did so in the **Territory** of Oklahoma. Oklahoma did not become a state until 12 years after Sooners football began. This early beginning included players who were not students. However, it was the foundation of one of the most competitive college football teams in the United States.

Today, the Oklahoma Sooners are known as a winning team. This was not always the case. In the 1960s, the Oklahoma Sooners struggled to end each season with a winning record. They had a hard time **recruiting** talented players. These struggles continued as the Sooners looked for a coach to turn around the team's prospects.



🏈 Oklahoma defensive end Kenneth Mann logged a career total of 81 tackles and five quarterback sacks during his time as a Sooner.