

INTERVIEW WITH RAYMOND LUTTRELL IN HOMINY, OKLAHOMA \* OCT. 26, 1993

Raymond's brother, Homer, was a plaer-manager of the Hominy Indians for a number of years.

Raymond was in his teens when he saw the Indians play many times. these are some of the things he remember about those days.

When signing a contract for a game, the Indians wanted to play for a 60/40 gate. This is why the players (educated as they were) would try and put on a "show" in order to draw a crowd.

Once in New York City, the team was staying in a hotel where many older, retired people has taken up residence. As some of the players came down in the elevator to the lobby, Fixico came out wrapped in a blanket and let out an Indian yell. This cleared out the old ladies from the lobby. Some reporters outside the hotel were a little hesitant as they approached the players.

When the Indians were scheduled to play Red Grange's team in Tulsa, they dressed in the Tulsa Hotel and were taken to the field in cars owned by wealthy oilmen (Skelly, Sinclair, Phillips, etc.)

As for transportation, the players traveled in cars owned by a player or two. Much of the time, some of the wealthier Osages furnished cars and either drove themselves or furnished a driver.

As for Red Grange - his name was a drawing card, but he seldomed ran against the Indians. Most of his time on the playing field was as a passer.

The Indian player were seldom hurt. Considering the lack of face gear and pads, this was remarkable.

Crowds lined the field - no stands. In the days when the Osages had money, they would hand out money when a player made a touchdown or did something remarkable.

The Indians like to go glay games in the northeast against former college (Yale, Harvard, Princeton, etc.) players. The Indians played a lot rougher football than they did.