

Oklahoma Heritage Association publishes books recognizing Oklahoma's athletic past

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma's accomplished athletic past is recognized in two new books being published by the Oklahoma Heritage Association, *The Touchdown Club of Oklahoma: The Winning Tradition* and *Baseball in the Cross Timbers: The Story of the Sooner State League*.

The Touchdown Club by Henry Browne, Jr. and Bob Burke tells the story of a group of Oklahoma business leaders who laid their

money and prestige on the line to help inspire the winning tradition that is OU football. For more than six decades, the Club has been an integral part of Sooner football.

Baseball in the Cross Timbers by Peter G. Pierce pays homage to the grass-roots tradition of baseball in Oklahoma during the 1940s and 1950s. The impact of the minor league in Oklahoma communities is illustrated through a collection of behind-the-scenes

stories of the League and its franchises and unique photos of these golden days.

The Touchdown Club of Oklahoma: The Winning Tradition retails for \$29.95 and is available at the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum Store in Oklahoma City, on the Association and Museum's Web site at www.oklahoma-heritage.com, at bookstores across the state and on www.amazon.com.

Baseball in the Cross Timbers: The

Story of the Sooner State League will be released in March and will retail for \$34.95.

The leader in publishing Oklahoma's history, the Oklahoma Heritage Association preserves Oklahoma's unique history and inspires pride in the state. Through each of its programs and the Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum the Association strives to tell Oklahoma's story through its people.