

Grapefruit League Major Ball Eratic

Baseball play in the Grapefruit League left nothing for the experts to assert their opinions upon, as errors and wild pitches were frequent occurrences in big league games.

Ageless Satchel Paige was aided to a close 2-1 decision over the Chicago White Sox as St. Louis Brownie Jim Upright smashed a home run in the fifth. The Browns garnered their other run in the fourth when Vic Wertz and Johnny Groth doubled to score a run.

Harry Brecheen followed Paige to the hill for the Browns in the sixth, and was in turn relieved in the last frame by Marlin Stuart, who retired Jim Rivera and Rocky Krsnich with runners on second and third to break up a ninth inning rally.

The World Champion New York Yankees outsluged the Cincinnati Reds 13-11 in a batting spree that featured a total of 36 hits for 54 total bases. Bobby Adams led the Reds' 20 hit attack with four base blows, while Him Greenberg slammed three including a homer.

The Yanks collected 16 hits including a four base blow by Gil McDougal.

Yankee ace pitcher Vic Raschi blew an 8-1 lead in the third and fourth when the Reds amassed two and five runs respectively. He lasted out the fifth before he

was removed, but was tagged for 10 hits, while lefty Bill Miller was pounded for 10 more hits in the last four frames.

Rookie Barney Martin, up from the Reds' Columbia, S. C., farm club, was the loser as he was touched for the run in the sixth that broke a 9-9 deadlock.

The Milwaukee Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-1 as rookie first baseman Grant Dunlap was lost indefinitely to the Cards. Five stitches were required to close a spike wound on Dunlap's left foot. Dunlap was spiked by Joe Adcock in the fifth when he was trapped between first and second base.

Redbirds' manager Eddie Stanky and catcher Del Rice were ejected from the game by umpire Art Gore. Stanky was ejected in the sixth for protesting a home run by Ed Mathews that was close to the foul line, while Rice was sent to the showers for vigorously protesting a called third strike.

Rookie first baseman Joe Macko committed an error in the thirteenth that gave the San Francisco Seals a 5-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians. Macko dropped Al Rosen's throw to first base with none out. Pitcher Walter Clough sacrificed and then shotstop Davey Melton doubled down the left field line to drive Nini Tornay across with the winning run.

Two-Sport Cornhusker



BIDS AT THIRD . . . Fred Seger, stalwart Husker basketball guard, is making a determined bid for the starting third base position on Coach Tony Sharpe's diamond squad. Seger was used sparingly on Nebraska's second-place squad last year, managing a .235 average at the plate.

MU Baseball Losses Heavy

The pieces of Missouri's 1953 baseball team are falling into place much too slowly for Coach John "Hi" Simmons' liking, as his Tigers look ahead to their season's opener—just two weeks distant.

With only three regulars, and his front-line pitching ace, returning from last year's flag-winning team, Simmons knew the remodeling task would be huge this spring. But, so far, there've been all-to-few takers for the obvious openings on Mizou's nine.

"We have about six candidates running neck-and-neck for positions that need filling," Simmons points out, "and if any of them would go to hitting, they'd make the team—right now."

Hitting—or lack of it—is the earliest defect in the Tigers' outlook, and Simmons, whose '52 Tigers whip-lashed the Big Seven field and then rode through to the finals of the NCAA tourney on the wings of a .239 team batting mark, is scouring the ranks for more bat power.

Simmons can't hope to come up with the equivalent of what he's lost. That would include his hefty-hitting outfield of Junior Wren (.359), Ralph Monroe (.318), and Jack Patchett (.310), and Kent Kurtz (.338), veteran second-baseman.

Also gone from the '52 outfit, which compiled a 20-7 record, are third-baseman Ross Boeger, half-time-catcher Carl Barbour, and pitcher Dick Atkinson, No. 2 on the staff with an over-all 8-3 mark.

That's a large chunk of talent to lose at one swoop—five regulars and a top-flight tosser. Back on dock, though, are seven lettermen—enough to build on—and Simmons, beginning his 15th coaching term at Missouri, has enough pitching to defend his crown ably. Headed up by Don Boenker, an All-American choice last year off his 9-2 record, Tiger hurling must be rated strong. It could be extra-tough if John Jenkins, sophomore fire-baller, proves to the No. 2 man behind Boenker.

Should the broad-shouldered Jenkins, who pitched some last year, falter, Simmons still can lean on Bert "Bow-legs" Beckman, a sophomore dippy-do tesser, or Floyd Eberhard, a senior who lettered here in 1951. The M.U. mound staff will be right-handed all the way.

Veteran fixtures, who'll be tough to displace, are Herb Gollman, senior catcher; Bob Schoonmaker, junior first-baseman and clean-up swinger last year; Dick Dickinson, sawed-off junior shortstop; and Vic Swenholt, a left-handed hitting outfielder.

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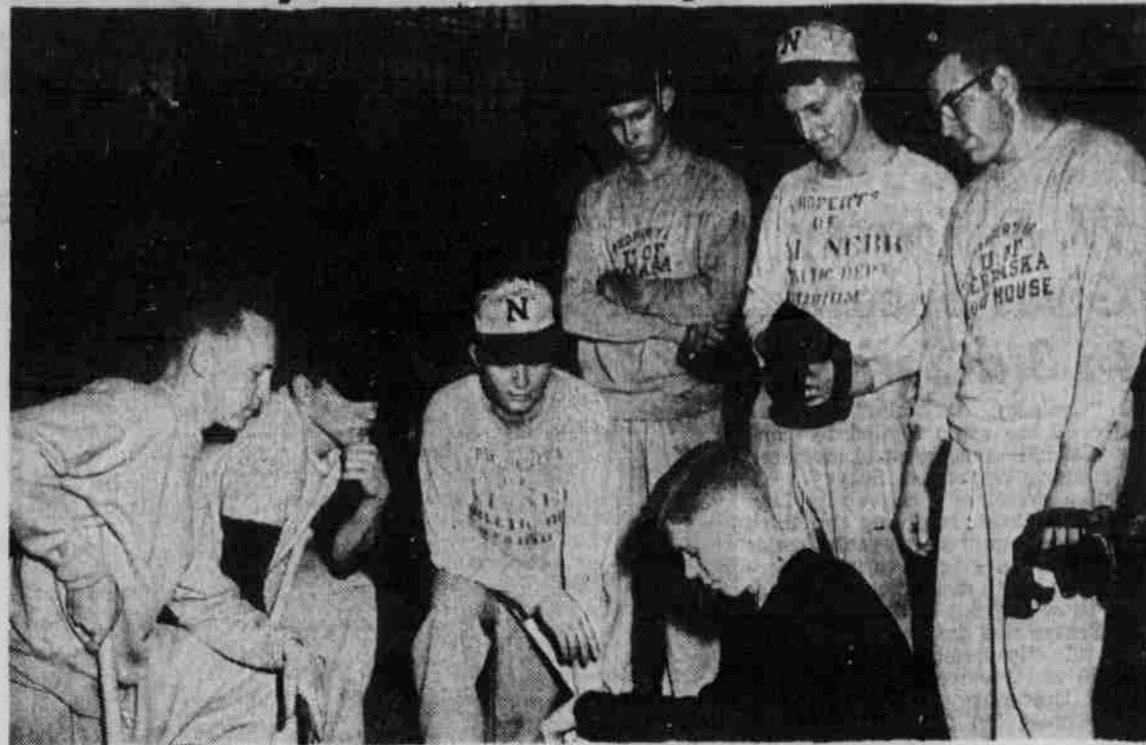


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Early Season Preparations



ANSWERING THE CALL . . . Taking part in baseball workouts inside the field house are a number of talented letter-winners. Answering the early season roll call are Ed Berg, assistant coach, Bob Reynolds, Dick Christoph, Fran Hofmaier,

Dick McCormick and Ray Novak. Student manager Bill Nelson reads the list. The Huskers are preparing for their opening series of the season at Baylor April 6-7. (U. of N. photo.)

Sigma Chi, Phi Delt, Phi Psi, Beta Volleyball Squads Win

By BILL MUNDELL
Intramural Sports Columnist

Intramural volleyball launched wholeheartedly into the 1953 season Monday as a full schedule of 16 games were entered into the books. The action continues at full pace throughout this week and next as the 46 entered teams renew their struggle to gain the playoffs on their path to the All-University crown.

Six teams registered their second victories of the young campaign Monday evening while at the same time, the Independent entries began their competition.

Sigma Chi took over sole leadership of league I by throttling Delta Tau Delta in two straight games by tallies of 15-0 and 15-2. It was the second victory of the year for the Sigs in as many outings.

Three teams gained 2-0 records in league II as Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi continued their winning ways. The Phi Deltos won theirs the hard way as they lost their first game to Alpha Gamma Rho, 7-15, but then roared back to capture the next two on scores of 11-0 and 15-10.

The Betas were also forced into three games before winning. Kappa Sigma triumphed in their initial encounter 15-9, but then withered under the Beta spikers by tallies of 15-3 and 15-5. (The Phi Psi's got their victory on two straight games, but had to go the limit in their first with Theta Xi. The TX'ers battled the defending fraternity "A" champions on even terms throughout that opening fray before falling, 14-16. The winners opened up in the second, however, and romped to a 15-0 shutout.

Sigma Alpha Mu climbed into the driver's seat in league III by stopping a Pioneer House threat in three games. The Sammies grabbed the first game 15-7 only to see the Pioneers fight back with a 15-13 second-game decision. Pioneer also led briefly in the third and deciding fray, but the Sammies had the reserve power and won, 15-10.

Acacia rounded out the 2-0 members as they garnered their second win of the year on a three-game match with Tau Kappa Epsilon. The Masons won the first and third games to take the match but sandwiched in between was a 15-13 Teke thrilling victory. The Acacia victory scores were 15-7 and 15-4. It was the first loss in two starts for the surprising Tekes.

The All-University champion Iranians opened their 1953 campaign right where they left off. The defending champs disposed of the Lutheran Student Association in two straight sets, 15-7 and 15-1.

Riga, the team that is expected to offer the Iranians their keenest competition for a second crown won their initial start over Presby by House. The Rigans toppled Presby in three games, winning the first and third on scores of 15-3 and 15-2 while seeing Presby take the middle game, 15-12.

Delta Sigma Phi lost its first game of the year as Beta Sigma Psi overcame the pledge-sneak-weakened Delta Sigs in two straight games. The scores were 15-10 and 15-11 and evened both teams' records at 1-1.

Phi Kappa Psi "B" opened its campaign with a three-game victory over Alpha Gamma Rho "B". The junior Phi Psi's coped the first game 15-9 only to see the Aggie Bees even the count with a 15-11 second game win. The winners won going away in the third with a 15-4 tally.

Phi Delta Theta "B" kept pace with the Phi Psi's by edging Phi Kappa Psi "B" in three games, 15-5, 6-15 and 15-4.

Sigma Nu outfoiled highly-regarded Sigma Alpha Epsilon in their third game, 16-14 to take a match-victory after the two teams had split the openers. The Nu's also won the first on a 15-8 tally while the SAE's romped to an 11-0 shutout in the second.

Brown Palace evened its season mark at 1-1 with a victory over Farmhouse in two straight games. The Palacers stopped the Farmer winning ways on the strength of 15-8 and 15-10 decisions. Sigma Phi Epsilon captured its initial win of the year in three games by dropping Alpha Tau Omega, 15-3, 9-15 and 15-11.

Two forfeits entered the Monday picture as the Ag Men and University Aggies got gratis wins from the Cadavers and Phi Epsilon Kappa.

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Husker Thinclads Prep For Opener

Injury-Riddled Weirmen Meet Buffaloes April 6

The time for action for the Nebraska track team is growing nearer. Coach Ed Weir's boys have been toiling hard in preparation at Boulder against the Golden Buffaloes on April 6.

Looking back over the records for the previous season one can easily see that the road for any team in the Big Seven is going to be a long and strenuous one for top honors or a place in the upper division.

This is especially true for this year's edition of Cornhusker trackmen. The team as a whole has some top performers in almost every event, but the spirited Huskers lack reserve strength on the track.

Nebraska hopes have been constantly hampered by injury and scholastic ineligibilities. The first blow was the unanticipated loss of Hobe Jones. Jones aggravated an old knee injury while playing in the university intramural championships.

Many of Weir's future plans revolved around Hobe. His loss left the middle distance runners very thin. Hobe could run in the 440 and double in the half and mile runs.

Doctors say that it is still too early to tell whether Hobe will be able to compete this year. Clayton Scott was lost to the Huskers through scholastic difficulties and broadjumper Irv Thode was dismissed for disciplinary reasons.

All is not dark in the Husker camp. Charles Hunley returned to the Husker campus after being away from school because of his health. Hunley ran with the best of the performers in his high school days. He held the high school record for the quarter mile.

Another shot in the arm for the Cornhuskers is the return of Wendell Cole from the service. Cole was a standout in the spring of 1950 and has been showing his pre-army form in practices. His

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return bolsters the hurdle crop which also has Dan Tolman and Gaylord Smith. Cole can also double as a leg on the relay team.

Brien Hendrickson has the cast off his leg and is expected to garner some mighty important points at Colorado. Weir hopes that he will be ready to round into shape by early April.

The big question mark on the team is Bob Fairchild. Bob has been nursing pulled leg muscles and whether he'll be able to run much this spring is yet to be determined.

The field prospects look very good. Weir stated that if the trackmen were able to match the performances of the fieldmen the outlook would be a lot brighter.

Cliff Dale and Harry Smith along with Paul Grimm give the Huskers a well balanced discus crew.

Stan Matzke, who has proved himself as a good competitor, adds strength to the high jumpers.

Jim Sommers and Jim Hofstetter bolster the high-flying pole vaulters.

"The quality in the Big Seven has moved up this year particularly on the track," commented Weir.

Not many records remained intact after the Big Seven indoor meet held in Kansas City last month.

Weir cited Kansas' Corby and Missouri's Towers as two key performers. Towers ran the second fastest half-mile in a Big Seven meet.

Weir is hoping for a break in the remaining cold weather.

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