

Prep For Friday Opener:

Weather Keeps Diamond Coach In Dark; Pitching Poses Big Husker Question Mark

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When the baseball team opens its 1957 campaign this weekend Coach Tony Sharpe will be getting his first look at many of the boys in actual competition. If the weather holds out the Huskers will lock horns with Kansas State at 3:00 Friday on the Nebraska diamond.

Fourteen members of the squad are first year varsity men and to add to this, the bad weather has kept them indoors until this week. Monday Sharpe took the squad outdoors for a long batting drill and he scheduled an intra-squad game yesterday afternoon.

Pitching is a big question mark

on this year's team. Charles Ziegenbein and Roger Bottorff are the only lettermen hurlers returning. The two southpaws are slated for a lot of duty along with sophomore Dwight Sieber. The big righthander from Omaha, is scheduled to start the opener on Friday.

Others slated for hurling duty are: Bob Gleason, Bob Kremke, Gene Torczon and Dean Flock. Gleason and Kremke are both service vets and may develop fast. Torczon will do some hurling again this season while playing in the outfield and at first base on other occasions. The Humphrey junior just missed lettering last

year. Flock could develop although he has had little experience. Since these are the opening games of the season Sharpe will probably use most of the hurlers in one of the three games.

The opening infield could change before game time but right now two regulars and the same number of vets are scheduled to start. Weak hitting John Beideck will get the call at first base. Last year the slick fielder barely hit his weight, and if he isn't improved Torczon or sophomore Al Newbill will get a chance.

Al Karle again gets the nod at second although he is getting com-

petition from Paul Robinson. Karle batted in the leadoff spot most of 1956 but he may drop in the order because of his slow base running. Karle is a fair hitter and he can hit to all fields. Robinson transferred from Doane last winter and is fighting for a position. The Ogalala sophomore has been very impressive lately. He also plays third base.

Frank Nappi is scheduled to go at the hot corner. The football halfback occasionally hits the long ball and has a good eye. Robinson or Jim Kubacki could move in at third.

Another first year man Gil

Dunne is slated for duty at short. The Omaha South lad has good power for a little man, and has an excellent arm. Dunne must work hard to stay ahead of Kubacki and Jerry McKay. Kubacki looks especially good on defense and McKay appears almost ready to move in somewhere.

The outfield has Gary Reimers and Larry Lewis apparently headed for good years in center and right field. Reimers will probably be Sharpe's leadoff hitter this season and he covers a lot of ground in the field. Lewis probably has the best power of anyone on the team. Both men are letter winners. Torczon, McKay, and John Douthit are all bidding for the left field spot. Torczon will probably start there Friday if his foot is okay. Douthit, a ex-Lincoln Optimist star, is a hustler who looks impressive.

Catchers Jim Kane and Milan Shaw are fighting for the ninth starting berth. Kane, a letter winner, is the better hitter of the two and Shaw the better receiver. Shaw caught a few games last season. Sophomores Norman Huss and LaVern Rogowski are bidding for a utility job.

Two year veteran Don Erway will probably be available only for pinch-hitting duty. His knees continue giving him trouble and he won't see any more action at least in the opening games.

These games should be extremely interesting since K-State are reportedly improved over last season. Everyone should make an attempt to get out and see as many of the contests as possible. They cost very little and the more enthusiasm shown by spectators the harder the players seem to work.

Saturdays doubleheader will get under way at 1:00.



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Husker Infielders Ready

These are five of the infielders who are expected to lead the Huskers against Kansas State

this weekend. Shown left to right are Jerry McCay, Gil Dunne, Al

Robinson. Not pictured are Al Carle, John Biedeck and Paul

Newbill. Frank Nappi and Jim Kubacki.

Spring Opening:

Golfers, Netmen To See Action; Host Omaha University, Thursday

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The Cornhusker tennis and golf squads will see action Thursday against the Omaha University Indians here in Lincoln.

The Higginbotham coached netmen will be trying for their second straight win of the season. They defeated Creighton University, 9-0 on All-Sports day last Saturday.

Expected to lead the team again are Bill North, former Nebraska High School Champ, George Fisk, Art Weaver, Chuck Kress, Charles McAfee and two-time letterwinner, Tom Stitt.

All won their matches quite

handily against the Blues with North, McAfee and Kress scoring clean sweeps 6-0, 6-0. Fisk and Weaver came near a sweep winning 6-0, 6-1 and Stitt outclassed his opponent 6-2, 6-3.

The three doubles teams completely blanked Creighton not allowing them to win a single game. The teams were composed of Fisk-North, Weaver-Kress and McAfee-Jack Clark.

The matches will be played on the Husker courts and will start at 2:00 p.m.

With this kind a record going into the coming match the Cornhuskers have to be favored to pull through with their second win of the season.

Jerry Bush's golf squad will be going to the post for the first time this year. The team has been hampered all spring by bad weather so it's difficult to judge how the boys are going to be playing their shots. Monday the team finished their trying out for the first string. Mike McCuiston led the qualifiers and earns the number nod, for the first match.

Helping Mike will be three re-

turning lettermen. They are John Butterfield, Warren Christensen and Jerry Moore. This is the third season for Butterfield who has lettered twice before. He was one of Bush's low scorers last year.

Christensen is making a bid for his second letter. This will also be his last year.

Moore lettered last year as a sophomore. He is a younger brother of Jack Moore, an ex-Husker golfing great who graduated last year.

The rest of the squad will be chosen from the following men: Keith Bauman, Peter Berge, Tom Kissler, Ted Lindberg, Tom Miller, Ken Moore, Don Treadway and John Stuart.

The match will take place at Hillcrest Golf Course and will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Joe Mullins To Compete In Kansas Meet

Husker track coach Frank Sevigne has announced that he will enter Joe Mullins in the mile at the Kansas Relays April 20.

Mullins, who Sevigne thinks is capable of a 4:10 effort, will run unattached in order not to lose any eligibility.

Sevigne rates him as "potentially the best prospect I have ever coached," and the Husker coach has tutored many runners.

"He's easy to coach, but you have to watch him. He's inclined to overwork; doesn't want to call it quits after a hard workout," Sevigne says.

Vic Basha Wins Student Union Table Tennis Title

Vic Basha successfully defended his Student Union Singles Ping-Pong Title Monday night by defeating Rom Korsakas in a smartly contested match.

Vic, who was recently named Mr. Central America, added another trophy to his collection which includes two state ping-pong titles.

In the doubles finals, Korsakas, a junior in Arts and Sciences from Lithuania, teamed up with Ilmars Bergmanis to take the title from Howard Berkenstock and Andris Matisons.

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Stasheim To Face Operation; Injured In All Sports Day Tilt

Don Strasheim, University assistant football coach, will be operated on Wednesday as a result of leg injury in the Varsity-Alumni football game last Saturday.

The former Husker star snapped a tendon during the All-Sports Day feature attraction and tests Monday showed that he would have to have surgery.

Strasheim's mishap is the first serious injury to occur during the annual Varsity-Alumni contest.

The Varsity-Alumni tilt resulted in a victory for Bill Jenning's Cornhuskers.

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