

Sooners Open Baseball Season With 16-15 Loss

By Hal Brown

While Nebraskans continue to battle snowdrifts, the Oklahoma Sooners swung into the baseball season last weekend. They dropped a 16-15 slugfest to Texas at Austin in the opener.

The Sooners, who finished fifth in the Big Eight last year with a 7-10 conference mark, have the top four hitters off that team returning. Oklahoma won 12 while losing 11 over the entire season.

The four leading hitters who return are Bob Hem-

bree, Don Nipp, Kenny Bu and Denny Price. Hembree topped the Sooners with a .421 batting average. He was followed by Nipp with a .400 mark. Nipp was also second in RBI's with 15.

Burke and Price were the only other Sooners to top the .300 mark as Burke finished with .355 and Price compiled a .347 average and led the team in RBI's with 17.

Coach Jack Baer lost ten men from the last year's club including pitcher Ron Plath (3-5) and first baseman Frank Swafford (.289) both of whom signed professional contracts with the Chicago White Sox.

Pitching Main Worry

Pitching appears to be Coach Baer's biggest worry, as he will be depending on first-year men for the bulk of the work. Tommy Jones, a southpaw, returns and will head the pitching corps. Jones won seven and lost two while compiling a 3.15 earned run average last year.

Kenny Teel is the only other returning hurler who was



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—Outdoor Cinder Preview— Field Events Key To Track Season

A successful Nebraska outdoor track season will depend upon the field events and a continued strong performance in the hurdles and middle distances, according to track coach Frank Sevig.

more Bob Cross and Janda will also broad jump for the Huskers this spring.

On the track, in the Big Eight indoor finale, N.U. picked up only one first, one second, two thirds, one fourth and one fifth. The Husker speedsters were led by reliable Joe Mullins who won the 600 yard run. The other placers in the same meet were Joe American Horse who runs the mile and two mile, Richard Keir who runs the 600, 880, and 1,000 yard runs and Milt Haedt who competes in the low and high hurdles. Nebraska will be leaning heavily on these four trackmen throughout the season to strengthen the Big Red on the track.

There is a prospect of help from sprint men Bob Cross and Steve Smith, middle distance men Ken Ash, Bill Melody and LeRoy Keane. The hurdle corps will be given depth in the form of football player, Roger Brede.

Many Challenges

Mongerson, a tackle on the Nebraska football team, will find challenge aplenty this year not only from the always-strong Jayhawk team from Kansas University but from a couple of strong men from Colorado. Namely, sophomores Bob Vernon and Bob Crumacker.

Nebraska's biggest promise in the javelin is found in 6-2 Al Roots. Roots is also a guard on the Husker basketball team.

The Kansas City junior won the Big Eight postal meet last year with a cast of 222 feet 8 inches. His competition will come from 1959 NCAA champ Bill Alley of K.U. and sophomore Dick Clark of Colorado who placed second to Roots last year in the Big Eight frosh postal meet. Nebraska could pick up a few points in this same event with the services of sophomore Howard Nillon.

Elsewhere in the field events it looks like a non-Nebraska show unless Husker marks improve.

Lindsay Strong

Mike Lindsay, Oklahoma junior, won the indoor shot put competition with a heave of 57-10 1/2 and is favored to dominate his event in the outdoor games. Nebraska's entries are footballers Al Wellman and Don Olson. Wellman has the best toss of the two so far this year (51-6) but both men have been over the 50 foot mark.

Coach Sevigne also said that Kansas will be the team to beat again, with strong contenders in Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. He added that Kansas State could also be tough.

A 6-3 leap won the indoor high jump event this year in the Big Eight. Larry Neely, O.U. senior, will be attempting to repeat his performance this spring. Nebraska must get mileage out of Larry Janda and newcomers Bill Fasano and Max Waldo to compete with the Okies in this event.

Nebraska did not place in either the broad jump of the pole vault in this year's indoor competition. In order to be in the running in these two event, Juniors Bob Knaub and Jim Kraft will have to improve their marks. Sopho-

State Police Expected

More than 150 police officers from all parts of the state are expected to attend the seventh annual Nebraska Law Enforcement Institute next week here on the campus.

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First place performances by LaVerne Bauer in the 100-yard breast stroke and Phil Swaim in the 100-yard freestyle led the Nebraska's freshmen swimmers to a third place in the Big Eight postal meet.

style and a fifth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Iowa State won the meet with a total of 93 points followed by Kansas with 62, Nebraska with 59, Colorado with 51, Kansas State with 46 points. Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Missouri did not enter teams.

Other Huskers who placed in the meet were Russell Ash of Omaha North with a fourth in the 100-yard butterfly, and Jim Wilber of Lincoln High who grabbed sixth place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Bauer clipped KU's Bill Murdock by one second in his 1:10 breast stroke performance and Swaim posted a :53.5 time in his event to completely outdistance the entire field to take the blue ribbons.

Two Nebraska relay teams picked up third places in the time-comparison meet.

Show Strength

The N.U. frosh showed their strength by placing in every event but the 200-yard butterfly.

Mattes, Ash, Bauers and Swaim got their third place in the 400-yard medley relay while Ash and Swaim teamed with Mitchell and Millar to capture a similar white ribbon in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Former Lincoln High star, Bob Mitchell, picked up two individual places with a fourth in the 100-yard free-

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Factory Frosh

Weighing in at 290 pounds a 53-year-old grandpa ranks as frosh-of-the-week. He's William Walker, a one-time wrestler turned textile worker. Wee Willie turns up in LIFE as a not-so-green specimen of a new type frosh—the industrial worker who is being sent to college in order to move up in his firm.

But LIFE is a study in contrasts, and the "I couldn't be neat, neat, neater" set waltzes its way into the March 21 issue in a jaundiced eye's view of the Debutante Whirl. After seven pages of unmixed glamor, and just when the pen is poised to write Da-da to plead for a party, the statistics come forward:

Walker, who has been foreman in a North Carolina textile mill is embarking this year on a six-year stint toward the degree he never had a chance at before. A jovial commuter, Wee Willie rides 65 miles to his campus once a week for nine hours of classes.

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McCartan Plays Pro

With Olympic glory still swirling around him, the year's most famous rookie, Jack McCartan, the United States' number one hockey hero of the month staged another triumph with the New York Rangers. He lost eight pounds and gained a four inch welt on his face, but the team won, and the amateur-pro saved the day.

Not bad work for one man's leave from the army.

Election by Personality

The shell game of the year being November's championship poll bout, LIFE speculates a bit about presidential timber. In this campus year of He will come, he won't come, he might come, he cancelled LIFE's images of the leading candidates, may be as close as we get to some.

The image shown is a reflected one—the result of intensive study of what the "American public" sees in the leading aspirants. In part the conclusion was that only three of the racers have engraved themselves on the minds of this public. Nixon, Kennedy and Stevenson come into clear focus, but such contenders as Johnson, Humphrey, Rockefeller and Symington are "still remarkably fuzzy images for many people."

