

5 Rookies Included In NU Starting Nine

By Hal Brown
Five newcomers, including three sophomores, will be in the starting lineup for Coach Tony Sharpe's baseballers as they open the season with a six-game swing through Texas during Spring vacation.

The Huskers will meet Rice at Houston Monday, Texas Lutheran at Seguin Tuesday and return to Houston Wednesday for another encounter with Rice. Two contests with Houston University and one with Tulsa will complete the trip.

Sharpe has nominated Ed Johnson, a 6-2, 185-pound sophomore from Ute, Iowa, to pitch the opening game. Johnson is one of three sophomores being counted on to bolster the pitching corps.

"This could be the best pitching staff I have had at Nebraska," Sharpe said. "Sophomores Ed Johnson, Ron Havekost and Tom Ernst have a lot of potential."

Sharpe listed his probably opening batting order as follows: Dale Anderson, ss; Jer-

ry Harris, rf; Steve Smith, cf; Dick Becher, lb; Ernie Bonistall, 3b; Bill Redmond, 2b; Pat Salerno, lf; Dave Myers, c; and Johnson.

Only Lettermen
Harris and Becher are the only lettermen in the starting lineup. Becher hit .315 in 20 games last season. His 15 runs-batted-in ranked him fourth in that department. He also connected for two home runs.

Harris, the lone senior in the starting nine, hit .239 last season with four homers and 20 runs-batted-in.

Redmond and Myers were both members of last year's squad. Redmond had a .358 batting mark in 19 trips to the plate while Myers did not make an official trip to the batter's box.

Anderson and Bonistall are sophomores. Salerno was out for spring football last season and Smith was a member of coach Frank Sevigne's track squad.

Sharpe has only two other returning lettermen, catcher Earl "Porky" Oltman and pitcher Jan Wall, as five of the seven top hitters are gone from last year's entry along with the top pitcher on an

earned run basis, Don Purcell.

Pros Take Two
Catcher Ely Churchich signed a pact with the Cleveland Indians and third baseman Phil Barth came to terms with the Baltimore Orioles. Purcell stubbed his scholastic toe.

"We could be real tough defensively, but we may be a little weak at the plate," Sharpe said. "I think we have better overall speed than we've had in several years."

After the Texas trip Nebraska opens the home season with Oklahoma State, Big Eight champion, April 7-8. The Huskers travel to Missouri the following week end to go against Hi Simmons' perennial Tiger powerhouse.

"We could go 0-12 in a hurry this season," Sharpe said.

Rice, the opening foe, has nine returning lettermen from a team that finished second in the Southwestern conference last year. Houston defeated Texas in the NCAA playoffs.

The Huskers will leave early Saturday morning for a practice session slated for Stillwater, Okla., Saturday afternoon.

Busy Week For Netters

Spring vacation will be cluttered with matches for Coach Ed Higginbotham and his Husker tennis team.

Higginbotham and his five-man crew will open the Husker tennis season Mar. 27 against Tulsa.

After Tulsa the squad will meet Oklahoma Baptist, of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Wichita on the next four days.

Tom Johnson, the only returning letterman on this year's squad, will be the only upperclassman making the trip.

Higginbotham lists sophomores Dave Wohlfarth, Jack Lauster, Bill Lewis and Ralph Queen to complete the probable Southern contingent.

The outlook for the Husker tennis squad is unpredictable at the present time. Both Oklahoma Baptist and Tulsa are opening their seasons against the Huskers.

"I wish I knew—we haven't been outdoors yet," commented Higginbotham, when asked about this year's squad. Thursday was the first time the team was able to venture from the Coliseum court.

"The only thing I know for certain is that Oklahoma State will be loaded," continued Higginbotham.

Bellevue High Coach Accepts Wrestling Post at Nebraska

Bob Mancuso, whose undefeated Bellevue High School team won the state high school wrestling crown this winter, was named wrestling coach at Nebraska, Athletic Director Bill Orwig announced Thursday.

Mancuso fills the vacancy created by Mickey Sparano's resignation Monday. Sparano quit to accept a business offer in Omaha.

Bellevue was the first mat team to take a state crown away from the Omaha schools since the state tournaments

started. Mancuso, a graduate with a BS degree from Kansas State in 1956, has coached at Bellevue for the past five years. He is 27 years old, married

and has one son. He graduated from Omaha Central High School. Mancuso's salary will be \$6,800 and he will assume the coaching duties June 1.



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Golfers Face 6 On Trip

By Bob Nye
The Husker golfers open the season Monday with the annual Southern tour that will find them competing for six straight days.

The trip begins with Oklahoma Central State College at Edmond, Okla. The linksters then engage Oklahoma Baptist, Tulsa, Washburn, Wichita and Kansas State in that order.

"Tulsa and Wichita will be our toughest opponents," coach Harry Good said. "The Southern schools have a tremendous advantage with their year-round good weather."

Of the five men to make the trip only Dave McConahay and Jerry Overgaard have been chosen so far. The other three men will be named today, Good said.

"We have eight golfers who are bunched fairly close and it's going to be a fight for the positions," Good said.

Good picks Oklahoma State and Oklahoma to be tops in the conference again this year. He has hopes of bettering last year's winning season of seven wins and five losses. The Huskers finished sixth in the Big Eight championships last season.

With the good depth indicated by the new program of fall and winter workouts and the competition on the team for positions, golf fortunes at Nebraska could be on the upswing.

Oklahoma State Relays First Test for Huskers

By Janet Sack
Nebraska's thinclads open the 1961 outdoor season at the Oklahoma State Relays in Stillwater Saturday. The meet will include 18 teams from the Midwest and feature relay and special events.

Nebraska will be entering the distance medley relay with LeRoy Keane or Dick Holscher, Clarence Scott, Bill Kenny and Ray Stevens carrying the batons.

The sprint medley relay will feature Steve Pfister, Keane or Holscher, Kenny and Stevens, said Ike Hanscom, assistant track coach for the Huskers.

In the special events Pfister is scheduled for the 100-yard dash. Al Wellman, Larry Reiners and Leo Janovy are entered in the shot put. Wellman and Reiners could place, Hanscom said.

In the javelin Al Roots and Gary Robinson will represent the Scarlet and Cream.

In the high jump Nebraska has entered Fred Wilke, Bill Fasano and Monte Williams, a new sophomore on the team. Paul Nielsen will be the Husker entry in the two-mile run.

High Hurdlers
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