

From The Stick

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Young Man's Fancy

When the temperature soars into the 60's as of late, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love—Unless your a baseball nut.

While near the columns, a conducive sport for spring romance, one might be shocked to hear a loud crack.

It is, of course, the sound of ball meeting bat as Coach Tony Sharpe sends his charges through early workouts in preparation for the 27-game schedule lying ahead.

Last Tuesday I had my first chance to see the Huskers work outside. I saw only one batter as the chill wind drove me back to my warm-hideout in the Coliseum.

The hitter was Gary Tunnison, a Rochester, N. Y., soph, who whacked four line drives near where the left field fence would be. An encouraging sight.

Dave May, who stood shivering in right field as Tunnison took his turns, is another healthy batter on whom NU fortunes lie.

He hit .360 last season in being voted the outstanding Nebraska baseball player.

From there next season's hitting looks a bit scanty. But the pitching is what has Sharpe worried this season.

Right-handers Keith Sieck, who signed a contract with the White Sox last year, and Jan Wall, a Met farm hand, and lefty Ron Havekost, who had the best control of the whole staff last season, are gone.

A look at last year's statistics show that only 37 1-3 were pitched by returnees with a 1-3 record.

George Landgren and George Flock, who got the only win, head the list of returnees.

It's Early, But

But a sophomore will probably get the No. 1 call. Bob Hergenrader, who throws a good fast ball and supplements it with a fair curve, had a prosperous year for Gerry's in American legion baseball last season.

How he will do in Big Eight ball remains to be seen. It's a bit different than American Legion.

Around the infield Ron Douglas, who played second last year, will probably start at third, and May, the big hitter, seems to get the nod at first.

Elsewhere the battle is on. Either Jim Amerman or John Roux will get the call at short. Joe Gaughan and Rod Beckman, a squadman last year, are battling for the second base slot.

Wally Duff, who started several times in '63, leads the contingent of outfielders. Tunnison will probably get the call in left with Larry Bornschlegl in right. Other candidates include sophs Gene Graff, Curt Johnson, and Dennis Gemar.

Platoon Catchers

Bornschlegl, you may recall, handled the backstop chores last year. Sharpe indicates he may platoon him with Clayton Luther, top rookie prospect, who swings lefty. Sharpe said he may use Luther behind the plate against right-handed pitching with Bornschlegl in the outfield. Against lefties, Bornschlegl would do the catching.

All in all, things don't look the rosiest for Big Eight stature this spring unless the rookie pitching comes through and the hitting improves over last year.

Next week — As a yearly ritual, the Stick will pick the winners of the State Basketball Tournament. It may be a bit more difficult, however, as my Class B and C favorites have already been knocked off in district competition.

Big 8 Wrestlers Best In Nation

"I look for a close race between Iowa State and Oklahoma State in the Big Eight Conference wrestling meet," remarked Bob Mancuso, Nebraska wrestling coach.

According to Mancuso, this year's finish will be the closest in recent years. Iowa State and Oklahoma State are the top two rated teams in the nation, while Colorado is rated among the top ten.

"Rick Allgood and Dennis Kendall represent Nebraska's best chances to place in the Big Eight Meet", said Mancuso. Allgood has lost only one match this season, while Kendall has won all but two. On this basis, Mancuso feels "Nebraska will press for a first division finish."

Nebraska matmen will have an opportunity to test their abilities Saturday when they meet Denver University here. Coach Mancuso feels confident of a victory.

"The Denver meet should provide the team with an excellent tune-up for the Big Eight meet the following week," stated Mancuso.

Mancuso also emphasized the quality of wrestlers which Nebraska will face in the Big Eight meet.

"The Big Eight Conference is undoubtedly the strongest wrestling conference in the

country. Big Eight teams have won all but four of the NCAA national championships since 1923, when the tournament was organized." Mancuso predicted that while Nebraska will be fighting for a first division berth this year, chances will be improved for a better showing next year.

"Freshmen wrestlers Carel Stith, Larry Berghurd and Jerry Langdon are three very promising candidates for full-time varsity competition next year", said Mancuso.

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• CHUCK SALEM—Sports Editor

First Sweetheart— N Club Picks Seven

Finalists for N-Club Sweetheart have been announced by Dave Theisen, N-Club publicity director. They are Neva Carstenson, Zeta Tau Alpha; Patti Johns, Gamma Phi Beta; Karen Hastings, Piper Hill; Linda Sides, Kappa Alpha Theta. Pixie Smallwood, Alpha Delta Pi; Jane Barnoske, Alpha Omicron Pi; and Janis Hurd, Kappa Kappa Gamma. N-Club members will vote to choose a Sweetheart at the N-Clubs annual dinner-dance on March 20.



N-CLUB SWEETHEART FINALISTS—Standing, left to right; Neva Carstenson, Patti Johns, Karen Hastings, Linda Sides. Seated, left to right; Pixie Smallwood, Jane Barnoske, Janis Hurd.

Cowboy Coach's Vow Sets Goal

Nebraska's mile relay team will run at the Chicago Daily News Relays Saturday night and move on to compete in the National Track Federation meet in Milwaukee, Wis., Monday. Included are Kent McCloughan, junior from Broken Bow; Dick Strand, junior from Minden, Dave Crook, sophomore from Bellevue; and Gil Gebro, senior from New York City.

Also running at these meets will be the Big Eight Champions in the mile relay—the Oklahoma State team. Nebraska's team defeated the Cowboys at a dual four weeks ago and the O-State coach vowed his relay team would not lose to the Huskers again.

Husker Coach Frank Sevine hopes to prove otherwise.

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Yates Won't Make Final Cage Trip

Senior Jim Yates will not make the trip to Colorado for the Huskers final basketball game, Coach Joe Cipriano announced Wednesday. "Unfortunately, Jim violated one of our rules and will be left at home on the final trip for disciplinary reasons," Cipriano said.

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