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Baseball Season Opens, Squad Tested At Tulsa



This year's captain Larry Borschlegel... Receives the "Most Valuable Player" award from Roy Wythers Jr. as Coach Tony Sharp looks on.

By Bob Gibson This may be the year of the metamorphosis of the long dormant Nebraska baseball team.

With good depth at every position, the outlook is at the very least, vastly improved. The team is filled with regulars off last year's squad and is spiced with some promising sophomores.

Coach Tony Sharp seemed in unusually good humor during the pre-season drills and he has good reason to be. "We have a much better start this year," Sharp states, "because of the number of returnees from last year's team."

Hard hitting John Roux is one of the top performers that Sharp is referring to. Roux (rhymes with you) was the top hitter on the team last year as a sophomore, and will figure heavily in the hitting category this year. Another important man in the lineup will be captain Larry Borschlegel who was voted outstanding player on last year's squad. Borschlegel has been handily carrying out the catching duties for the past two years and should have an even better season this year.

Second baseman Randy Harris was second to Roux in hitting last year and is joined by Joe Gaughan at third to round out a both offensively and defensively solid infield.

In the outfield the outlook

isn't quite as good but Alent should be sufficient, with good hitting coming from Gary Tunison and Dennis Gemar.

At the pitching post things are a little more unpredictable with five of the top seven pitchers being first year men. Even in this untried area a "Smilin' Tony" is precariously optimistic, and goes so far as to speak of them as possibly being the best pitching staff that he's ever had.

Steve Bahnsen heads the list of sophomore hurlers and will probably start the first game at Tulsa. Joining Bahnsen will be Gary Neibauer and big Bob Stickels who is a rather formidable hulk to opposing batters. Stickels is 6'-6" and weighs 225 pounds.

The two remaining sophomores are left handers Mick Zangari and John Wright who could make some surprise showings during the season.

Bob Hergenrader is a junior lefthander who played a lot last year and will be a regular starter this year. Senior George Flock will probably be counted on as the main reliever.

Even with the optimistic outlook it's not all coming up roses. One of the possible weedy spots is at first base where letterman Rich Brenning, football end Tony Jeter, and sophomore Tom Anderson are fighting for a starting position.

This spot and a definite lack of power with the bat are the only cause for concern as yet.

With this wealth of experience and talent the team seems to be headed for a first division finish in the Big Eight with a definite chance to climb quite high.

"The two teams we have to beat" said captain Borschlegel "are Kansas and last year's Big Eight winner, Missouri. Mizzou's not looking so good after the loss of many of their starters."

The Cornhuskers will be at a definite disadvantage when they meet Tulsa because they haven't been outside to practice. If they can come through with a good showing in this first series it could mean that this is also the year that the campus baseball fans who have stubbornly refused to watch only winning baseball in the past will start to show their cheery little faces.

1965 Nebraska Schedule table with columns for date, location, and opponent.

It's Hawks Vs. Bullets In NBA Western Tilt

The St. Louis Hawks are pitted against the Baltimore Bullets for the right to meet the Los Angeles Lakers, Western Division champs, with the winner facing the Eastern Division winner.

The Boston Celtics look like shoo-ins in the Eastern Division for the tenth straight year after setting a record during the past season for number of season wins with sixty-two.

Speedy Guards Gain Spots On "B" Squads

Table listing players and their heights: Mike Rager (5'11"), Steve Bock (6'3"), Bob Churchich (5'10"), Bob Samuelson (5'7"), Jim Penney (6'5 1/2").

Today the Class "B" intramural all-star team is being unveiled. Highlighting the "B" stars is outside shooting ability and speed on the frontline. Smallest of the team, which averages only slightly over six-feet, is Beta Theta Pi Bob Samuelson. Stretching the yard-stick out to a meager 5'7", Samuelson played in the guard position for the champion Betas.

The little 145-pound Franklin grad acted as court general for the Beta attack. Besides his play-making role, Samuelson led the team in the scoring column many times as he connected from side court with 15 to 20 foot jumpers.

A pleasant sophomore surprise for Husker football followers last fall, Phi Kappa Psi Bob Churchich joins Samuelson at the guard slot.

Kansas Recruiters Journey To Calif.

Coach Jack Mitchell has journeyed to the west coast to recruit material for the Rock-chalkers of Kansas.

Four outstanding high school athletes from California have signed letters of intent. Mitchell announced that Cliff Bilek, Jr., Riverside; Ron Samson, Downey; Tom Thompson and James C. White of Ontario will be among the Jayhawk freshmen next fall.

Bilek, 18, 6-1, 193, played center and middle linebacker for Coach John McGinnis at Ramona High School in Riverside. Bilek was selected to all-star teams for both defense and offense. He was voted the most valuable defensive lineman on his team last season and he has been named to the South Shrine All-Star squad.

Samson, 18, 6-0, 235, is an All-League football and wrestling letterman from Warrner High School in Downey. Coached by Lloyd Helgeson, Samson was named to C.I.F. and Southeast all-star teams in football and captured second place league honors in varsity wrestling competition.

Thompson and White are classmates at Chaffey High School of Ontario. Thompson, 17, 6-1, 155, was a quarterback on offense and a half-back on defense. He was named to the Citrus Belt Football League All-Star team. In addition to football, Thompson lettered two years on the varsity baseball team and was named the "Most Valuable Infielder" in the American Legion 25th District. He also received the Most Valuable Player Award of American Legion Post 125 of California.

White, 17, 5-11, 220, was one of the better two sport athletes in the Citrus Belt League during the past season. As a guard on Coach Ray Stark's grid team, White was named "Best Offensive Lineman" and "Player of the Week for Defense." He was All-League tackle last fall. During the winter White earned California Interscholastic Federation and all-league wrestling honors.

Coaches To Have Leeway

lege, Pesney was a big factor in the Beta Theta Pi title conquest. The big guy provided needed rebounding strength and inside defensive work that contributed much to the winning of some close ones for the Betas.

Not a heavy scorer, Penney did add a few points with a turn-around jump shot from the free-throw line.

Rounding out the "B" selection is the honorable mention roll.

Two boys on the honor roll who might have finished higher in balloting had it not been for baseball duties cutting their season short are Phi Kappa Psi John Roux and Beta Theta Pi Steve Hutchins.

The remainder of the honor roll includes: Kappa Sigma Doug Miller, who played a corner position and was one of the finer shooters for the Kappa Sigs; Don Wolcott of Phi Kappa Psi, who was a speedy and extremely agile guard for his size; John Swanson, Theta Xi entry whose outside shooting and hustle from his guard slot led the Theta Xi forces; and Van Vahle of Beta Theta Pi, who was important to their cause through his floor work and defensive abilities.

Our congratulations go out to the above mentioned players, and a certificate will be presented to each of them from the Daily Nebraskan as a symbol of the honor they have been given by the all-star voting.

Basketball coaches were granted broad leeway to confer with floor officials during a game by the National Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada Tuesday.

Cliff Fagan of Chicago, committee secretary, said at the end of two-day meeting Tuesday that permissive action was adopted "whereby a coach may confer with floor officials for the purpose of preventing or correcting specified errors."

"This means," he said, "that a coach can get off the bench when the clock is stopped or the ball is dead and go to the timer's table to request a conference with the officials. If the coach is right in his contention of preventing or correcting a specified error, no time out will be charged against his team."

The committee decided to study the fifth foul rule for another year. There is some desire, Fagan said, to eliminate fouling out. Instead, after a fifth foul is charged, the team fouled would get extra free throws or would be given the ball.

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