

# Husker Stan Bahnsen will pitch in Yankees' opener

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Stan Bahnsen, a walk-on all-American baseball player at the University of Nebraska, will be the starting pitcher Tuesday for the New York Yankees in their opener at Boston's Fenway Park.

Bahnsen pitched for the Cornhuskers in 1964 and 1965 before signing with the Yankee organization after his sophomore season. Although being called up to the major leagues during the last month of the 1966 season, Bahnsen didn't get his real big-time opportunity until 1968. And it was big-time.

He posted a 17-12 record in 1968 and was named Rookie of The Year in the American League. Bahnsen's 2.06 ERA was the best on the Yankee staff. His efforts gave the Yankees their first upper-division finish since the 1964 pennant.

But in 1969, Bahnsen stumbled. And so did the Yankees. He compiled only a 9-17 record and the Yankees finished fifth in their six-team division.

Bahnsen had a good year in 1970 with a 14-11 record. And the Yankees had a good year finishing second only to world champion Baltimore in the American League East.

Is it safe to say that how goes Bahnsen so go the Yankees? Bahnsen seems to think so.

"If I have a good year we can win the pennant," said Bahnsen. "Baltimore or no Baltimore. We can win this thing if I have a good year."

Bahnsen, speaking by telephone from a Boston hotel Monday, said other Yankee starters Mel Stottlemyre and Fritz Peterson are "consistent performers." He feels that if he can gain consistency this year the Yankees "will have the best pitching staff in the American League."

"But I'm not going to make any predictions," continued the Council Bluffs righthander. "I predicted in 1969 that I would win 20 games and look what happened. I think I can win 20 games. If I didn't think it then I wouldn't be a good competitor, but I'm going to keep all my predictions to myself from now on."

Bahnsen had a good spring. Although recording only a 2-2 record in spring games and a 3.5 ERA, Bahnsen says his last three outings were "good ones."

He received Tuesday's starting nod over lefty Peterson because Fenway Park isn't friendly to lefthanders. And righthander Stottlemyre had a late start in spring practice.

"There's a lot of pressure in pitching the opener," said Bahnsen. "Everybody is up for the game and there's a baseball atmosphere starting to develop. It's important that we get off to a good start."

Bahnsen didn't need reminding about the nightmares most pitchers have had at Fenway Park's "green monster" left-field fence.

"Fenway Park is the kind of park you can't relax in," said Bahnsen. "There's a lot of fly

balls that are called home runs. It's definitely not Yankee Stadium. Nobody cares about pitching in Boston."

And Bahnsen didn't need reminding about Boston's Carl Yastrzemski.

"Yaz is one of the toughest batters in baseball to pitch to," said Bahnsen. "Yastrzemski and Tony Oliva (Minnesota Twins) always hold back and it's tough to make them commit themselves."

Ray Culp, who will start for the Red Sox Tuesday, is also familiar to Bahnsen. Culp was one of two pitchers who threw a one-hitter against the Yankees in 1968 that beat Bahnsen. Louis Tiant (then with Cleveland) also threw a one-hitter in beating Bahnsen.

"There's a lot at stake in the opening game," said Bahnsen. "The Yankees have a great tradition behind them and we're trying to bring it back. This could be the year. And the opener Tuesday could be the biggest game so far in my life."

Even bigger than Stan's two-hitter for Nebraska against powerful Missouri in 1965, which he termed his "biggest college victory!"

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"We filmed today's scrimmage and this will give us a little time before Friday to look at the films," said head coach Bob Devaney. "We'll make any changes on the basis of these films."

Devaney indicated that the No. 1 offense looked a little better than the No. 1 defense in Monday's action. And he said the No. 2 offense looked very good against the No. 3 defense.

"Dave Humm did a very outstanding job with the No. 2 offense," said Devaney. "And that unit's line also looked good. Maury Damkroger also did some good things."

Devaney singled out I-backs Randy Butts and Gary Dixon saying they both ran well. And he also had praise for tackle

Daryl White and freshmen ends Jeff Hill and Tim Lackovic.

"I was not as impressed watching the films of Saturday's scrimmage as I was watching the live action," Devaney concluded. "I didn't see quite as many good things as I thought. But I'm far from discouraged."



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