

Top pitchers pose challenge for Munson

Oklahoma brings the best pitching staff in the Big Eight Conference to Lincoln this weekend for a three-game series with Nebraska, but the Huskers' leading hitter is looking forward to the challenge.

"Oklahoma will definitely be a tough team to beat and hit against," said Bob Munson, who leads the Huskers in batting this season with a .400 average. "Having the best record and pitching staff in the conference will mean the team and I are going to have to do our very best. I'm going to have to depend on my confidence and concentration even more to get some hits against them."

Last year Munson's batting average was .223, far below his present average. "My hitting has improved this year mainly because I'm concentrating more and I'm more patient at the plate," the Bradford, Vt., junior said.

Besides leading the Huskers in hitting this season, the Husker right fielder is also leading the Nebraska regulars in fielding. Out of 102



Bob Munson

chances, Munson has committed only one error for a .990 average.

"Bob is one of the finest college right fielders in the country," Husker Baseball Coach Tony Sharpe said. "He gets a good jump on the ball and most important of all he has a good baseball sense. His hustle and desire rubs off on the rest of the team."

Munson credits his prep school, Choate in Wallingford, Conn., for his early development. "I was a pitcher at Choate and we'd play 40 games a season including a road trip down to Florida. Choate had a fantastic baseball program."

His talents in prep school earned Munson All-New England honors and the option to play major league baseball for St. Louis.

Munson will be eligible again for the major league draft in June. If he has his way about it, he'd like to play for the Boston Red Sox.

"Like every baseball player, the major leagues is my ultimate goal. But I'll just have to wait and see what happens June 7. Even if I am drafted, I wouldn't sign this year. I still have another year to play at Nebraska and another year of school to get through. But right now I'm worried about Oklahoma."

Munson has good reason to worry about Oklahoma, which leads the Big Eight with a 10-5 record. "We're in last place and they are in first place," Munson said. "The team and I are trying to finish as high as possible in the Big Eight. I would sure hate to finish down in the cellar."

Sharpe said the Huskers will have to play their best in order to win. "They have a real good ball club and without a doubt, the best pitching staff in the conference with Gary Weese, Jackson Todd and Rick Jacobs," he noted. "Since Oklahoma is on top of the conference, they'll have to beat us this weekend in order to stay on top. They'll be after us."

Sharpe will start Ryan Kurosaki (2-2), Dennis O'Doherty (1-2) and either Glen Gilmore (1-3) or Terry Seymour (1-1) against the Sooners.

Weather permitting, the Oklahoma series will be the first games on the new UNL baseball field. Friday's doubleheader starts at 1 p.m. and Saturday's single game begins at 11 a.m. This will be the last home series for the Huskers this season.

"For the seniors these will be the last games in front of a Nebraska crowd. I'm sure the seniors and the rest of the team would love to see the team's record (5-9) have a few more wins tacked on after this weekend," Sharpe said.

Independents win title

Led by Gary Gordon and Victor Kalami, the Black Independents this week won the All-University title in the Intramural Track and Field Meet.

Gordon was the meet's only double winner. He won the 440 in 50.9 and captured the 880 in 2:09.2. The other victory for the Black Independents came in the 220 with Kalami winning the event in a time of 24.0

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, which won two events, finished second in the meet.

Meet winners included:

100 yard dash--Bob Matthews, Phi Kappa Psi, 9.8.
220 yard dash--Victory Kalami, Black Independents 24.0
440 yard dash--Gary Gordon, Black Independents, 50.9
880 yard run--Gary Gordon, Black Independents, 1:09.2
1 mile run--Gary Lyle, Theta Chi, 4:41.5
2 mile run--Steve Kadel, unattached, 10:33.2
880 yard relay--Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1:40.8
High jump--Curt LeRossingol, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 6'2"
Long jump--Al Schmaljohn, unattached, 21'5 1/2"
Shot Put--Dave Drevo, Alpha Tau Omega, 41'10"

VOTE

Spring practice ends

Unless one team switches jerseys at halftime, the No. 1 offense will not meet the No. 1 defense Saturday during the annual Red-White Game which concludes spring practice for the Nebraska football team.

The Nebraska coaching staff has decided to put both the No. 1 offensive and defensive units on the Red team for the 1:30 p.m. game at Memorial Stadium. The No. 4 units will also be on the Red team while the whites will be composed of the No. 2 and 3 units.

Coach Bob Devaney said Wednesday one reason he wasn't matching the No. 1 units against each other was to "protect our quarterbacks a little bit." He also said the match-ups "give us a little more unity to the teams. If it's like last spring we can switch the teams at half. But I think the match-ups will entertain the public a little bit more."

Although spring practice is nearly complete, Devaney said he wasn't certain who will start on the No. 1 teams Saturday. His main concern was the offense, which he said "hasn't had a very good spring up to this point."

"Except for Daryl White, Doug Dumler and Jerry List it is a scramble in the offensive line," he noted.

Defense is a little more settled. Devaney said Bill Janssen (tackle), John Dutton (tackle), Willie Harper (end) and Rich Glover (middle guard) will be defensive line starters when fall camp opens.

sports shorts

The former Husker star said, "It is a very good contract and I'm very happy."

The UNL Trapshooters will host an invitational trap shoot May 13 at the Lincoln Gub Club.

College students from 15 states are expected to participate in the event.

Practice traps will open at 8 a.m. and the 16-yard event will begin at 9 a.m.

Short on sports and recreation equipment?

Canoes, tents, sleeping bags, bicycles, tandem bicycles, tennis rackets, golf clubs and footballs can all be checked out from the Recreation and Intramurals Department. Some of the equipment can be checked out with only a student I.D., while other equipment requires a small rental charge.

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