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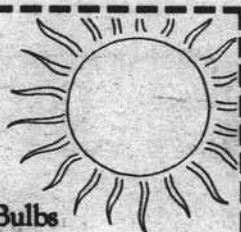
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Young cubs want to become Mizzou Tigers by end of year

By Jeff Griesch
Senior Reporter

With a new coaching staff and a young team, the Missouri baseball team will have a new look this season.

But no one, including Coach Tim Jamieson, is sure what the Tigers will look like.

Jamieson, entering his first year at the helm for the Tigers, said it could be a long season.

"I think it is going to be one of those years when you play a lot of young guys and you hope they grow up fast," Jamieson said. "I definitely hope they grow up a lot before the opening of the Big Eight, or it could get rough."

The Tigers return only two full-time starters from last year's team that finished 32-26 overall and sixth in the Big Eight with a 9-19 record.

If Missouri is going to mature into a contender in the Big Eight this season, seniors Jay White and Brent Chamberlain must lead the way, Jamieson said.

White hit .290 with 6 home runs and 38 RBI as the Tigers' first baseman last season.

Chamberlain hit .337 with 43 RBI as the Tigers' starting catcher in 1994, but should move to the designated-hitter spot this season to make room for Texas A&M transfer Tom Buchman.

Junior shortstop Justin Towe, who hit .249 with 22 RBI, will also have to provide leadership in the infield, Jamieson said.

After White, Chamberlain and Towe, the most experienced returning position players are sophomore third baseman Mike Jorgensen and sophomore outfielders Rob Fullerton and Brian Seymour.

Seymour is the Tigers' top returning hitter after batting .340 in 50 at-bats last season. Fullerton hit .267 in 30 at-bats. Jorgensen played only four games.

While the Tigers are inexperienced in the field, they do return several pitchers to the rotation.

Senior left-hander Greg Lindstrom posted a 5-2 record with a 4.55 ERA, and junior left-hander Jerry Vansell went 6-6 and posted a 6.24 ERA.

Keith Massa, Mike Haverty and Donnie Charles also saw substantial time on the hill last season.

Despite an experienced staff,

"I definitely hope they grow up a lot before the opening of the Big Eight, or it could get rough."

TIM JAMIESON

MU head baseball coach

Jamieson said the Tigers' pitching could be a bigger question mark than their hitting.

"We have some good arms, but we don't have a No. 1 guy," Jamieson said. "We're going to throw a lot of guys at people and see if our staff can get the job done as a whole."

Jamieson said he hoped the Tigers could mature quickly and become a factor in the Big Eight race.

But he also said the Tigers might play a different role in the conference.

"We might be in the same position this year as Kansas State was last year," Jamieson said.

Huskers hope to put past behind and perform strong in NIT competition

By Derek Samson

Senior Reporter

The Nebraska basketball team would like to put this season behind them.

A starting point to do that would be a strong showing in the National Invitation Tournament, some players said.

Nebraska opens play in NIT competition Thursday, when it plays host to 18-9 Georgia.

Nebraska forward Melvin Brooks said the Cornhuskers would need to have a positive attitude in Thursday night's game.

"I would rather be in the NCAA (Tournament), but I'm going to try to make the best of the situation that we're in," Brooks said. "We have to put everything that's happened lately behind us and go into it with the attitude that we're going to make the best of it."

After finishing the season 4-10 and in seventh place in the Big Eight, Nebraska lost 68-48 in the first round of the Big Eight Tournament to Oklahoma State.

The loss dropped Nebraska to 17-13 overall, and was the Huskers' seventh loss in their last eight games.

Terrance Badgett said Nebraska needed to put the past eight games behind them.

Nebraska Going Into the NIT

Nebraska's overall record and record in the last 10 games going into the NIT, and its finish in the NIT.

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| 1967 | 16-8 | 7-3 | lost in first round |
| 1978 | 21-7 | 6-4 | lost in second round |
| 1980 | 18-12 | 5-5 | lost in first round |
| 1983 | 19-9 | 6-4 | lost in semifinals |
| 1984 | 17-11 | 5-5 | lost in second round |
| 1985 | 15-13 | 2-8 | lost in second round |
| 1987 | 17-9 | 6-4 | finished third |
| 1989 | 16-15 | 4-6 | lost in second round |
| 1995 | 17-13 | 3-7 | ? |

"We can't focus on this," Badgett said. "This is over and done. We have to try to end this season on a winning note. We're going to try to make some things happen in the NIT and build for next year."

"We have to learn from this year. Hopefully, we can do well in the NIT and that will erase some of the negative things that happened this year."

With Nebraska returning everyone except Brooks next season, guard Erick Strickland said the team needed to finish the season with something positive, rather than its current four-game losing streak.

"We're going back to the drawing board," Strickland said. "We need something positive to happen. We need to play well and hopefully go to the finals. That will hopefully carry over into next year."

Nebraska center Chris Sallee said that after the way Nebraska played in the Big Eight season, playing well in the NIT was a matter of respect.

"Hopefully, we can make the best of a bad situation," Sallee said. "It's the start of a new season. Hopefully, we can go far in the NIT and get a little respect back."

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spring to play next season, and possibly take one or two Proposition 48 casualties, who would be ineligible until the fall of 1996.

"It will be good for me to sit out a year," Mitchell said, "and learn from the guys Nebraska has back in the fall."

In addition to being close to home, Mitchell said, Nebraska offered him a place to showcase his talent in a guard-oriented offense.

"One of the main reasons I decided to come here," he said, "is because of the way they play. I like the way they get the ball up and down

the court."

Since he grew up in Omaha, Mitchell said, he had known Huskers Jaron Boone and Terrance Badgett for several years. Badgett graduated from Omaha South High School, and Boone lived in Omaha for several years before moving to Salt Lake City prior to attending high school.

While in Lincoln for his official visit last fall, Mitchell said he had a good time with escorts Mikki Moore and Chester Surlles. Despite all the commotion over his college choice, he said, he has been able to remain focused on his high school career.

"I have tried as much as I could to concentrate on this season," Mitchell said. "And I have, but I do think about next year."

Penny

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Kaszuba is just .05 behind at 2:12.32.

Another factor that could give Heyns an advantage over Kaszuba is that Heyns' parents, Steve and Patsy, will see their daughter swim competitively in the United States for the first time.

Heyns will swim the 400-yard medley relay on Thursday and the 100-yard breaststroke on Friday. On

Saturday, she will swim both the 200-yard breaststroke and 200-yard medley relay.

She said swimming four events shouldn't make her too tired to do well, even though Nebraska finished 16th last year.

But Heyns said this season, things could change.

"I think this year, with slight improvements on each of our times, we could be possibly be top 10," Heyns said. "I think that is a realistic goal that we're aiming for."