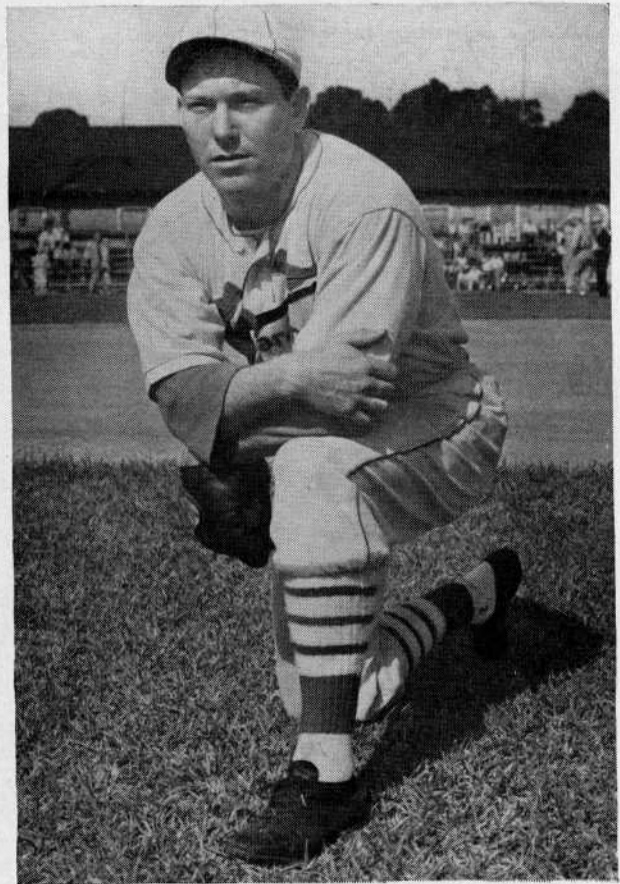


The great Buster is going through his first season in the major league this year with the St. Louis Cardinals. As first utility outfielder, he has broken into the lineup frequently and is ready to take over a steady job should one of the Cardinal regulars slow down.



## Mills of the Cards

**T**HE story of Colonel Buster Mills' participation in Soonerland sports is written in the terms of a Frank Merriwell. He always came through in a crisis and gained the reputation of being at his best when punch was needed.

To those who have watched his baseball career it was only a matter of time until he went up to the "big show." Then, when he played his first game in a Cardinal uniform this season and crashed out a triple, a double and two singles, sports followers began to remember his remarkable records in Sooner baseball, football and track.

Although Buster is only twenty-four years old, his rise to the big leagues appears to be permanent. Should he slump later in the season, the St. Louis managers may decide to give him a little more seasoning, but the young Cardinal appears to have what is required of major leaguers.

He was a home run hitter during his seasons on the Sooner club and is credited with the longest hit ever made on the University diamond. He won the Big Six diamond title for Coach Lawrence Haskell's club in 1931 in his final collegiate game. Coming up in the last of the seventh with the Sooners trailing one to nothing in the championship

game, Mills clouted one over the centerfielder's head and scored Andy Beck ahead of him to trim Iowa State two to one.

Today as Soonerland's only big league ball player he is hitting the ball with equal ferocity for the Cardinals. A big lad, weighing one hundred eighty-eight pounds and standing only a half-inch under six feet, he possesses the physique of major league fence busters.

Probably his greatest accomplishment during his University days was the winning of the East-West football game in 1930. He was playing in the backfield with the pick of the gridmen from the states west of the Mississippi. His field goal was the only score of the game and gave his team a three to nothing triumph.

Sooner fans will never forget his gridiron play against Nebraska in 1929 and 1930. He intercepted a pass in '29 and raced forty-five yards to score the only touchdown made against the Cornhuskers by a conference eleven. The following year, he crashed off-tackle for a 53-yard run and led the Sooners to a 29 to 7 victory, the worst setback the Huskers ever experienced against a Big Six team.

Another story that shows the type of things Mills did for Sooner sports con-

cerns a track meet and a baseball game. Coach John Jacobs track team was having a tough time trimming the Oklahoma Aggies and was particularly weak in the javelin. Coach Haskell's team was playing the Kansas State baseball team over on another part of the field.

Coach Jacobs needed a win in the javelin and thought of the big husky Mills over on the ball diamond. He sent for him to come over and take a fling with the spear. Mills had just finished smacking a triple and scoring a run but jogged over and was informed as to the immediate need of the moment.

"Gimme one of those sticks," said Mills as he approached the javelin tossers. They did, and with one toss in the neighborhood of 180 feet, he won the event. Then he went back to the baseball field and helped dispose of the Kansas Wildcats.

Mills was a student in the school of petroleum engineering and plans this fall or next to come and enroll for winter work to complete his course. Last fall, he was selected on the all-time University football team in the *Daily Oklahoman* contest. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity. He came to the University from Ranger, Texas, where his relatives still live.