

A Page of Praise

for the 1942 Oklahoma Sooners Baseball Champions... and Coach Jack Baer, '42bs

Saluting the Big Six, District NCAA Titilists

Season's Record, '47

O.U.	Opponent
3	Texas Christian 2
2	Texas Christian 1
7	Texas 8
5	Texas 9
2	Baylor 3 (11 innings)
9	Baylor 8
5	Texas Christian 9
6	Kansas State 20
3	Nebraska 5 (10 innings)
9	Nebraska 8
7	Arkansas Teachers 6
5	Arkansas Teachers 1
8	Kansas 4
4	Kansas 3 (10 innings)
3	Southwestern Tech 4
11	Oklahoma Aggies 10
1	Oklahoma Aggies 13
13	Iowa State 9
3	Iowa State 4
7	Missouri 3
4	Missouri 12
3	Southwestern Tech 4
2	Oklahoma Aggies 12
8	Oklahoma Aggies 1
4	Missouri 1
6	Missouri 1
6	Oklahoma Aggies 2

Oklahoma University is proud of its baseball team and its coach, Jack Baer. The Sooners pulled a big 'un out of the bag this year by winning the Big Six Conference and Fifth District NCAA championship with a magnificent finish after an otherwise mediocre season. Coach Baer's Sooners trimmed Missouri in three of four games as the season drew to a close to capture the loop title by a nose in the closest race the conference has seen in years. What's more, the Red and White thumped the Oklahoma Aggies, 6-2, in the district playoffs and earned a right to play in the NCAA Western Regional tournament at Denver, Colorado, June 20-21. Although thirteen players on the regular squad won't play with the Sooners in the Denver meet, Coach Baer will have on hand a formidable crew, led by Jack Venable, who tossed O.U. into the regional tourney by beating A.&M. in the district tilt.



Eleven days earlier Venable stopped the heavy-hitting Aggies at Stillwater, 8-1, allowing only one hit. Other dependables who will be on hand at Denver playing for a place in the national finals include: Mace Avant, center-fielder from Oklahoma City; Joe Blake, third base, Seminole; Danny Burrell, pitcher, Henryetta; Bob Cairns, first base, Clinton; Johnny Chyz, catcher, Shawnee; Elton Davis, pitcher, Norman; Lewis Eubanks, shortstop; Delbert Holt, left-field, Shawnee; Jimmy Mitchell, second base, Oklahoma City, the team's leading batter; Dennis Shogren, outfielder, Assaria, Kansas; Bill Sims, catcher, Little Rock, Arkansas; Jack Watkins, pitcher, and Charles Pugsley, center-fielder from Oklahoma City. For Coach Baer, the win over the Aggies in the district playoff was his 49th out of 71 games as head baseball coach—a .690 average.