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.