When a half-miler breaks his leg, his track career usually ends.

But Loris Moody, Tulsa junior, proved to be an exception this year when he came back after a year's layoff and burned up the cinders on Coach John Jacobs' Sooners track team.

Two years ago, Moody was one of the best sophomore middle-distance runners on the Sooners' squad. He ran the quarter, the half and the mile. The half was his favorite, however.

Moody suffered a broken leg when he was thrown from a horse and apparently his track career was finished. He was forced to stay in bed several months and then got about only with crutches. But slowly the injury showed improvement.

Staying out of competition for a year, he came back strong this winter during the indoor track season. He set a new conference record in winning the indoor half mile in 1 minute 57 seconds.

Moody and Dick Chaney, sophomore from Tonkawa, ran a dead heat in the 880-yard run in 1 minute 56.9 seconds in the dual meet against the Oklahoma Aggies. Moody is completely recovered and looks forward to his best season next year.

If he is able to regain all of his speed, he may go to the national collegiate meet this summer at Berkeley, California.

Coach Jacobs has confidence in the game little runner and believes that he is capable of getting his time down to 1 minute 55 seconds. Moody has also run on the mile relay team and has entered the mile run during several meets.

He is a better than average student and is enrolled in the college of education. He will run on the two-mile team in the fall and have another indoor and outdoor season before completing his eligibility.