



The first clash with Miami took place in the Nippert Stadium and resulted in an 11-8 win for the Big Red. An epidemic of home runs by the visiting nine caused Cincy's downfall; five four base swats being sufficient to overcome the handicap of seven Miami errors.

The Dayton Flyers were the next team to defeat the Bearcats, winning a wild game at Dayton, 14-7. On Decoration Day a makeshift team represented U. C. at Oxford, losing 10-9 on a muddy field, the game being stopped by rain in the seventh stanza. A misunderstanding resulted in Dial, Feiler, Martz, and Otterbein failing to make the trip and their absence undoubtedly cheated the Bearcats out of a victory as Miami was fortunate to nose out what was left of the team by one point.

Cincinnati closed her college season by losing a free-scoring, listless game to Marietta, 10-8, on Carson Field. On Homecoming Day, the Comellos, who now hold the world's amateur championship, displayed their wares against Varsity and proved good enough to capture an interesting game, 8-6. The last two games of the season with independent teams resulted in a 2-9 victory over the Stock Exchange nine and an 8-6 defeat at the hands of the Sieblers.

On the season, the Bearcats scored 173 runs to 137 for their opponents; an average of almost two more runs a game. They led the B. A. A. in batting with a team average of .316, a single percentage point above the champion, Miami team's average. Further, the three leading batters of the Association were all wearers of the Red and Black.

Dick Dial led the league with a mark of .455, being followed closely by "Eth" Allen with .447 and Milt Turrell with .429. Dial did not play regularly till after mid-season, but he made five hits in 11 attempts in the league games in which he played. Allen drove out 21 safeties in 47 tries and Turrell made good 17 times in 40 trips to the plate.

The team was well fortified in all except battery positions. The regular outfield was composed of Captain Ethan Allen and Jimmy Straud, veterans, and Harry Elmore, a new man. Cliff Burbank, a sophomore, and Pete Lothes, a letterman of several years ago, proved capable subs. On the infield, Clarky Valentiner held down the initial sack, "Doc" Keller continued as guardian of the keystone sack, Bill Martz cavorted at the hot corner, and "Hask" Feiler performed at short. All four of these men were veterans.

The catching department proved Coach Chambers' chief worry. A successor to Bill Bradford was extremely hard to find and no less than five men donned the windpad before the Varsity mentor hit upon Dick Dial as the solution to his problem. "Sunny" occupied the role of general utility man and "rode" the bench while Charley Vance, Clare Routsong, Guy Vanderhoof, and Clem Otterbein were trying their hand behind the plate with indifferent success. Dick proved to be just what the doctor ordered when he finally got his chance.

The pitching staff was composed of veterans, George Markle and "Red" Hart and a new man, Milt Turrell. This trio was very erratic, turning in several good games, but many more that were not so good. The work of Hart was especially disappointing as big things were expected of the bespectacled hurler. Two other moundsmen, "Stumpy" Fischer and Jimmy Swing, started off as if they were going to win places on the team, but failed to continue their good work.

Only eight men received letters at the spring sports banquet. Richard Dial missed his "C" by two innings. Bill Martz, diminutive third sacker, was elected captain for 1927. Allen, Keller, Markle, Straud and Valentiner played their last year of Varsity baseball.



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