

BASEBALL



Burkhardt Trophy

Varsity compiled a most unusual, though not phenomenal, record in her diamond campaign of last year. Although the local ball tossers finished the season with the rather ordinary work of eleven wins against ten losses and a tie, they finished the Buckeye season in a tie for first place, with Miami, thus repeating the 1929 performance. The Bearcats accomplished this feat by the simple but wise expedient of playing at a .750 clip in eight conference games, while dropping seven of twelve outside tilts for a percentage of .416.

When Coach Rice sent out the call for baseball candidates, no experienced hurlers reported. Si Kunz, erstwhile first sacker, was turned into a very capable flinger, and, together with Fink and Rogoff, formed a pitching staff which, in the main, came through in fine style. The return of five other letter-men: Berwanger, Altemeier, Whitaker, Muth and Waldman, along with Kunz, provided a nucleus to which was added a very talented group of new men, the combination being molded into a hard-hitting outfit, with a fair defense and plenty of the old nerve.

In the opening game of the season, with Michigan

State, Varsity got off to a poor start, when the Spartans trimmed them to the tune of 13-3. An unsteady defense and Rogoff's wildness on the mound proved too big a handicap to overcome. In their next tilt, with University of Michigan, the Bearcats came back nicely to cop the decision, 8-7. A last inning rally netted four runs and the ball game for Cincinnati. This win was followed by a loss to Dayton, in which our boys were outclassed by what was probably the best college club in the state. The score was 5-0.

In their first trip the Bearcats broke even in two contests. The first fracas resulted in a 16-15 defeat by Marshall, of West Virginia; it was a truly weird exhibition, in which all the hurlers taking part seemed to have the blind staggers, to the great glee of the sluggers. The Mountaineers, possessing more bats than Cincy, staggered into a win by scoring once in the last of the ninth. Next day the local swatsmiths pounded Marietta's entire pitching staff soundly, and Varsity easily took a 12-2 game.

Dayton next played host to our boys and again took the honors, with a neat 7-2 win. Bunched hits by the Gem City team proved fatal to Bearcat chances.