



When Coach "Doc" Rice returned to the business of tutoring the Bearcat nine in preparation for the 1932 season, he was faced with the problem of building up a team around the seven veterans remaining from last year, Cochrane, Fleig, Hayden, Lunsford, Reuss, Volz, and Thompson. Volz, infielder, was unable to start the season due to illness, and Hayden was forced on the disabled list for many of the games. Pre-season dope considered Cincinnati a poor contender in the Buckeye loop. An inexperienced squad of only eighteen ball players and a two-man pitching staff certainly did not augur well for Varsity.

Rice, however, soon had a well groomed squad, with an infield composed of the most promising prospects. Lunsford, a member of last year's pitching staff, was shifted to short-stop, and Reuss, former centerfielder, took a new position at third base. Thompson's brilliant hurling promised to be the mainstay of the Cincy outfit. Thus the Bearcat nine began a doubtful season.

The squad moved slowly through the early part of the schedule, losing the first two games to Ohio Wesleyan. The opener, played at Cincinnati, was carried to ten innings with free hitting the by-word. Numerous errors marked the contest, Cincy being penalized with seven misplays. The extra inning ended with Wesleyan the victor, 11 to 9. In the return game at Delaware, the inexperienced Ricemen gained but one run when Grandle slapped out a homer. In the seventh frame the Wesleyan crew added four more runs to their lead when they drove Thompson from the mound. The 'Cats lost 8 to 1.

Then the potential Bearcat power came into play, and the Miami Redskins fell before a hitting attack that netted Cincy nineteen hits, five of which were extra base drives. Cochrane