

Tiger Baseball Squad Young and Promising

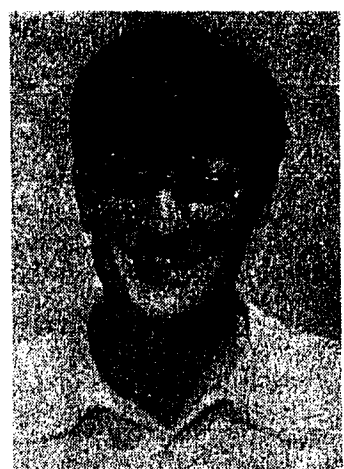
By Dennis O'Grady
(Sports Editor)

Carroll High School opens its baseball season tonight at 6:30 at Storm Lake, playing a pair of five inning games and the best words to describe Ted Edwards' club this summer is young and talented.

"We have a young and promising team," noted Edwards Tuesday as he enters his fifth year as head man.

"We have good baseball knowledge at every position and we could develop into a contender by the end of the year," added Edwards, whose team last year was 3-5 in Midwest Conference play and 8-9 overall.

According to the Tiger boss, pitching appears to be the



Ted Edwards
team's strong point.
Three-year veteran Lonny Lehrkamp heads the staff. He's one of only two seniors on the squad of 14 players.

Others expected to help Lehrkamp on the mound are southpaw Eric Siemer and right hander Todd Pettitt who were the top two hurlers on Carroll's Senior Little League All-Star team last summer that captured state and divisional honors.

Another right hander, Tom Reiman, who was a relief specialist on the Senior Little League All-Star team of a year ago, is also expected to

be called on. "Our catching should be improved over last year," continued Edwards. "We have Jim Molitor, Gary Luchtel and Jim Collison."

Both Molitor and Luchtel were members of the Senior Little League All-Star club last year.

Edwards also feels his club could be a good defensive club.

Right now, Edwards feels

the club's weaknesses are hitting and youth.

"We only have one .300 hitter back in Siemer who also led the club in runs and batted in last year and feels his team is young on age since 11 players are either freshmen or sophomores.

In the first game against Storm Lake tonight, Edwards' tentative starting lineup had Lehrkamp pitching with Molitor catching. The first

baseball was slated to be Ron Bernholtz with Reiman at second; Pettitt at short and Brad Edwards at third.

In the outfield, Brad Wuertz was to play left with Todd Buck in center and Siemer in right.

In the second game, the Carroll coach said he might go with Jim Petersen at third, Edwards in left and Jim Collison as catcher. Siemer

was scheduled to throw.

Tiger Jots:
Edwards said his club was young and promising and noted that his team has gotten a late start due to the golf and track seasons.

Edwards said the school is trying to beef up its schedule by playing in the Storm Lake Invitational with such teams as the host Tornados, St. Edmond of Fort Dodge, Schaller, St. Bernard of Breda and Cherokee.

Also, the Tigers have games with Scranton and Lake View-Auburn, two schools that traditionally have good baseball along with teams like Perry, Jefferson and Kuemper which are

traditionally strong.

Roster:
Todd Buck, Eric Siemer, Todd Pettitt, Tom Reiman, Ron Bernholtz, Lonny Lehrkamp, Brad Edwards, Jim Molitor, Gary Luchtel, Jim Collison, Dave Sunderman, Brad Wuertz, Jim Petersen and Brad Johnson.

Schedule:
May 28, Storm Lake (2), There

May 30, Audubon (2), Home
June 2, Manning, There
June 4, Scranton, Home
June 6, Lake City, There
June 9, Kuemper, Home
June 11, Jefferson, There
June 13, Lake View-Auburn, Home

June 16, Perry, Home
June 18, Sac City, Home
June 20, Lake City, Home
June 23, Kuemper, There
June 25, Jefferson, Home
June 27, Scranton, There
June 30, Perry, There
July 2, Sac City, There
July 5-6, Storm Lake Invit.
July 7, Manning, Home
July 12, Storm Lake (2), Home

The Tigers opening games at Storm Lake tonight were in doubt at the time of press run due to rainy weather.

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League Softball Results

Mel's Angels of Halbur opened their league softball season Tuesday night, dumping Red Dears of Carroll, 8-2. The winning pitcher was Vern Behrens.

Audubon took a twin bill from Breda Standard, taking the league game, 8-7, and winning the second, a non-league contest, 7-6.

Doug Hilsabeck was the winning hurler in both games. Wilbur Stork took the loss in the opener and Fred

Boeckman in the nightcap.

The Templeton Juveniles downed the Coon Rapids Demons twice, 14-8, and 10-3.

Wilkins' Royals dumped Carroll Means, 12-1, as Terry Kasperbauer went three-for-three for the winners.

The winning pitcher was Harry Rotert, while Jim Odendahl suffered the loss.

Mt. Carmel defeated Little Gus's of Maple River, 10-0, at Mt. Carmel.

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Tiger Lettermen

Shown above are five Carroll baseball lettermen who are expected to lead the squad this summer. From left, Todd Buck and pitchers Todd Pettitt, Tom Reiman,

Eric Siemer and Lonnie Lehrkamp. Missing from picture is another letterman, Ron Bernholtz.



Carroll Newcomers

These seven boys shown above are promising newcomers to Ted Edwards' Carroll High School baseball team this summer. Front row from left, Brad

Edwards, Jim Collison, Dave Sunderman and Jim Molitor. Back row from left, Brad Johnson, Brad Wuertz and Jim Petersen. Missing from picture is Gary Luchtel.

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