

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bill Frear, head coach of the men's basketball squad, will see a lot of familiar faces when the 1977-78 season gets under way this fall with eight lettermen returning from a 9-14 season last year.

Frear will welcome back seniors Kevin Moore, Jim Perkins and Bobby Washington who hold honors of Heart of America All-Conference first, second and honorable mention, respectively from the previous season. Wade Banks, another HAAC All-Conference honorable mention selection, will return to begin his sophomore campaign. These selections just happen to own the top four spots on the Braves' 1976-77 scoring leaders' list with Kevin Moore leading the way with 17.9 points a game.

The 1976-77 version of the OU squad started slowly, dropping nine of its first 10 outings before storming to an 8-5 record through the remainder of the season. The Braves grabbed the third spot in the HAAC with a 7-5 record losing two games by a point and another by five in overtime.

During the first half of the season the Braves did not put things together on either end of the court. Offensively, OU could average only 62.5 points through

their first 10 contests while giving up 85.0 points a game. Over the second half of the season (13 games) OU averaged 69.9 points a game while the opposition could muster only 68.7 points a game, a far cry from the 85 points a game originally given up.

Fouls also played a major part in the squad with Kevin Moore, in a category he would rather not lead, pacing the squad in fouls averaging 3.4 a game while the team was whistled for an average of 20.5 fouls a game. The year of experience that the squad has under their belts has coach Frear, in his 22nd year at the helm, optimistic for one of OU's best seasons ever.

The Braves sport a 20 game schedule, not including a two tournament stint which will take them to Salina for the season opening Kansas Wesleyan Classic and Wichita for the Friends University Tournament. The season will come to a close on Feb. 18 with Baker arriving in Ottawa for a HAAC game.

The key for the Braves is to come out strong in their early contests, an area that has been a problem over the years. If they can accomplish that, they may well find themselves champions this season.

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MEET THE COACH

COLLEGE: 1948 Ottawa University Graduate

Played on three KCAC championship basketball teams. Won All-Conference honors at the guard position.

COACHING: 1948-1953 coached all sports at Sabetha, Ks. 1953-1955 coached all sports at Holton, Ks. 1955 to present, basketball coach at OU. Other sports coached at OU include football, tennis, golf and baseball.

DUTIES AT PRESENT: Director of athletics, director of intramurals, head basketball coach and physical education teacher.

FAMILY: Married with one daughter.



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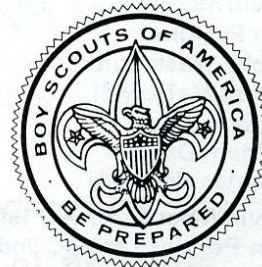
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1976 MEN'S BASKETBALL

STATISTICS

Men's Basketball Results

OU		OPP.
65	Kansas Wesleyan	83
52	Sterling College	70
50	Friends University	88
64	Emporia State	102
68	Washburn University	98
69	Bethany College	85
63	McPherson College	88
67	Kansas Newman	62
68	Emporia State	92
63	Phillips University	82
82	Mid-America	76
63	Central Methodist	58
81	Missouri Valley	72
73	Graceland College	71
33	Tarkio College	64
64	Baker University	61
63	William Jewell	73
68	Central Methodist	69
82	Missouri Valley	67
68	Tarkio College	69
79	Graceland College	70
72	Baker University	77 (OT)
77	William Jewell	71
1534	Total	1748

HAAC RECORD - 7-5 - third place.

OVERALL RECORD - 9-14.

LETTERMEN

NAME	JRS.	LETTERS
John Lewis	Sr.	2
Kerry Knight	Sr.	1
Kevin Moore	Sr.	3
Jim Perkins	Sr.	3
Bobby Washington	Sr.	1
James McDowell	Jr.	1
Wade Banks	Soph.	1
William Davie	Soph.	1
Thomas Horstick	Soph.	1

Kevin Moore - HAAC 1st team.

Jim Perkins - HAAC 2nd team.

Bobby Washington- HAAC honorable mention.

Wade Banks - HAAC honorable mention.

Men's Basketball Statistics

Games Name		FG.	FT.	Fouls	Total Pts.	Ave.
23	Moore	168	66	84	402	17.9
21	Perkins	114	16	50	244	11.6
23	Washington	90	25	75	205	8.9
23	Banks	73	37	46	183	7.9
22	Davie	56	14	47	126	6.0
23	McDowell	53	30	78	136	5.9
23	Lewis	56	19	34	123	5.3
14	Knight	14	7	22	35	2.3
18	Horstick	9	13	12	31	1.7
23	Ottawa	649	237	478	1534	66.0
23	Opponent	718	312	459	1748	76.0

TEAM FOULS

Games more fouls than opponents - 11

Number of fouls - OU-249, OPP.-188

Record - 3-8

Games less fouls than opponents - 10

Number of fouls - OU-193, OPP.-235

Record - 5-5

Games with equal number of fouls - 2

Number of fouls - OU-36, OPP.-36

Record - 1-1

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1977 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent, Where	Time
Nov. 18-19	Kansas Wesleyan Classic at Salina	
Nov. 23	McPherson at Ottawa	7:30
Nov. 25	Friends at Ottawa	7:30
Dec. 1	Emporia State at Emporia	7:30
Dec. 9	Bethany at Ottawa	7:30
Dec. 10	Mid-America at Olathe	7:30
Dec. 13	Washburn at Ottawa	7:30
Dec. 17	Kansas Newman at Wichita	7:30
Jan. 4-7	Friends Tournament at Wichita	
Jan. 10	Mid-America at Ottawa	7:30
Jan. 13	Missouri Valley at Marshall, Mo.	7:30
Jan. 14	Central Methodist at Fayette, Mo.	2:00
Jan. 20	Tarkio at Ottawa	7:30
Jan. 21	Graceland at Ottawa	2:00
Jan. 27	William Jewell at Liberty, Mo.	7:30
Jan. 28	Baker at Baldwin	2:00
Feb. 3	Missouri Valley at Ottawa	7:30
Feb. 4	Central Methodist at Ottawa	2:00
Feb. 10	Tarkio at Tarkio, Mo.	7:30
Feb. 11	Graceland at Lamoni, Iowa	2:00
Feb. 17	William Jewell at Ottawa	7:30
Feb. 18	Baker at Ottawa	2:00

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

When people talk in terms of rebuilding, it would be somewhat easy to assume that the women's basketball team will hope to do exactly that in the 1977-78 season under the reins of first year coach Bill Boucek. The women put together a 3-17 record with two victories over Baker and a solo shot over Missouri Valley. Of the 17 losses, four were less than ten point defeats and of those four losses two games were decided by less than five points.

Eight letterwomen will return including two year letterwoman and HAAC All-Conference second team selection Susan Mitchum, a junior. Also returning will be Jenelle Robins, a junior with one letter and Jody Sigwardt with the same credentials. Boucek would like to see the three women provide the leadership to an already young squad. The remaining five letterwomen will return as sophomores, but as the letter indicates, a year's experience under their belts. Boucek would like to see a little more offense out of his squad as last year they could only muster 40.5 points a game. The opposition on the other hand averaged 54.4 points a game. The women got some help from the schedule makers when they shortened the schedule from 20 games to 17 games, which might cut down the effects of traveling. Of the 17 games eight will be played in Ottawa. The Braves open the 1977-78 campaign against Friends University, a squad that was not on the OU schedule last year. With eight letterwomen returning the women's basketball squad should play with more confidence and poise, and provide some exciting action for OU fans.

Women's Basketball Results

OU		OPPONENT
50	Pittsburg	56
37	Haskell	59
38	Bethany	72
31	Kansas Newman	63
38	Missouri Valley	23
51	Mid America	52
42	Central Methodist	69
44	Marymount	58
35	Benedictine	54
58	Mid America	62
35	Kansas Newman	59
60	Baker	44
35	Graceland	55
56	Central Methodist	64
18	Marymount	83
54	William Jewell	65
56	Baker	41
37	Benedictine	58
36	Baker	51
811	Total Points	1088
40.5	Average per game	54.4
Record: 3 Wins, 17 Losses.		

Letterwomen

Name	Yr.	No. of Letters
Susan Mitchum	Jr.	2
Jenelle Robins	Jr.	1
Joan Sigwardt	Jr.	1
Sheila Bailey	Soph.	1
Mary Bundy	Soph.	1
Marcia Elkins	Soph.	1
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Marsha Slough	Soph.	1

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1977 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Contrary to the volleyball squad situation, when Genell Benjamin left the women's basketball team she left an act easy to follow, but not one Bill Boucek would like to follow.

The 1976-77 Braves sported a 3-17 record, a record Boucek would like to improve. The first year women's basketball coach, also an assistant football coach and head coach in track and field, has a young squad to work with this season. Eight letterwomen will return, three juniors and five sophomores. Boucek will welcome the return of Susan Mitchum, who as a sophomore was elected to the HAAC All-Conference second team.

Boucek has the experience to deal with the young squad as his past coaching jobs indicate. Boucek coached a high school basketball squad before moving to Ottawa where he was the assistant men's roundball coach for 12 years.

The women's season will open November 25 when they play Friends University at home. Coach Boucek and his squad are anxious to turn over a new leaf and bring women's basketball into the spotlight.

DATE	OPPONENT	WHERE
Nov. 25	Friends U.	Ottawa
Dec. 9	Bethany	Ottawa
Dec. 10	Mid America	Olathe
Dec. 17	Kansas Newman	Wichita
Jan. 10	Mid America	Ottawa
Jan. 13	Mo. Valley	Marshall, Mo.
Jan. 14	Central Methodist	Fayette, Mo.
Jan. 18	Benedictine	Ottawa
Jan. 20	OPEN	
Jan. 21	Graceland	Lamoni, Iowa
Jan. 24	Tarkio	Ottawa
Jan. 27	William Jewell	Liberty, Mo.
Jan. 28	Baker	Baldwin
Feb. 3	Marymount	Ottawa
Feb. 8	Benedictine	Atchison
Feb. 11	Kansas Newman	Ottawa
Feb. 17	Marymount	Salina
Feb. 18	Baker	Ottawa

THE SPIRIT RISES

Armed with new uniforms, a budget, and unlimited enthusiasm, the O.U. cheerleaders set out to pep up the crowds at athletic events this year. The girls attended a cheerleading clinic at Colorado Springs, Colorado over the summer and, competing with 300 girls, claimed a spirit stick, indicative of outstanding spirit.

The squad consists of Seniors Denise Moore, Debbie Vitera, and Bonnie Stoll; Juniors Claire Blaylock and Susan Mitchum, and Sophomore Cathy Pankratz.

They are anxious to make the cheerleader's role a more active one at O.U. and judging from their performance in Colorado, there is no doubt that the spirit is rising...



TENNIS

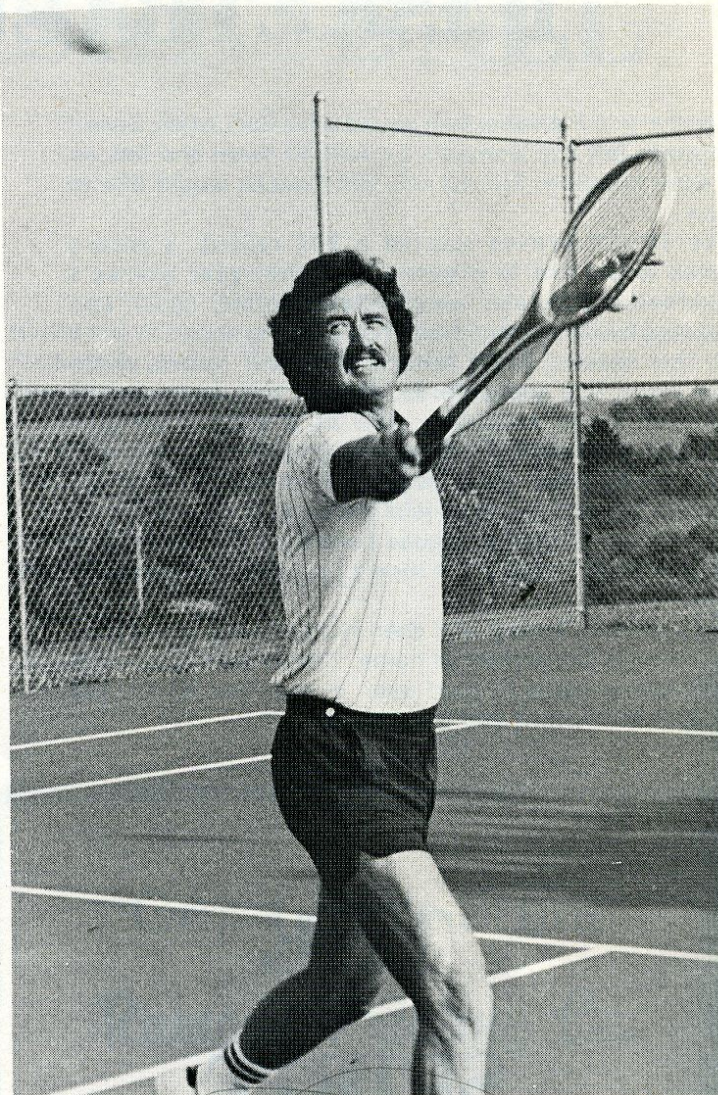
With the first six players returning from last year's team, plus at least two freshmen likely to break into the varsity lineup, the 1978 Ottawa University tennis team hopes to improve on their 4th place finish in the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

The 1977 team, which finished overall competition with a 6-16 win, loss record, was plagued with injuries to three of their top six players, for all or almost all of the season.

Returning from last year's varsity team are senior Dan Soman; juniors Wayne Duderstadt and David Cordova, and sophomores K. Dean Snell, Keith Staubus and Becky Rowley. Three other participants also return to add the depth which was sorely needed in the previous campaign.



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ROBIN PRATT

TENNIS EXPERIENCE: Lettered in tennis throughout high school and college. Won the conference doubles title for William Jewell College in 1960. He has been ranked as high as 17th in North Carolina. Teaching pro since 1973. Current Ottawa city champion in singles and doubles.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Tennis coach at OU 1975-1977

GOLF

The 1977-78 version of the Ottawa University Braves golf team may offer a different look than in past years. Coming back from the 1976-77 swingers will be the top player, a first year letterman named Richard Evans along with senior, one time letterman Chris Blythe. The other letter recipient coming back will be junior Susan Mitchum. This is all good news but even better than that was news that head coach, Fred Zook recruited two experienced competitors to join the squad. Also participating on the teams in high school, Steve Waters and Eric Olson are the incoming freshmen expected to give a boost to the Braves' swingers. Other players that participated last year were Bill Slade, Paul Trigg and Laurie Serfass. The only major loss to the team will be a four year letterman, B. J. Boucek, to graduation. In

previous years the golf team has finished third twice in the HAAC tournament but last year slipped to fourth while Baker ran away with the title. Zook, who will enter his fifth year of coaching, saw last year's golfers win two dual meets while dropping two as well. As tournaments go the squad finished last out of 16 teams on the university level at the Central Missouri State University Invitational and tenth out of 10 at the Marymount Invitational. The 1977-78 schedule has not been set as yet but it is expected to follow those of previous years, playing most of the duals against non-conference opponents.

Zook has never played on the pro circuit. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Western Michigan while obtaining his PhD from Southern Illinois University.



Golf Results

Opponent, Sight	Finish
Dual-Mid America, Ottawa	Lost
Tourney-CMSU Invitational, there	16th of Univ. teams
Dual-Baker, Lawrence	Lost
Dual-Mo. Valley, there	Won
Dual-Mid America, there	Won
Tourney-Marymount, Salina	10th
Tourney-Conference, Grandview, Mo.	4th

Lettermen

Name	Yr.	Letters
Richard Evans	Sr.	1
Chris Blythe	Sr.	1
Susan Mitchum	Jr.	1

WOMEN'S TRACK

Following a year of good individual performances, the women's track team is looking for much of the same in the 1978 season.

Head coach Bill Boucek will welcome back 220 and 440 yard sprinter Barbara Walker, as well as Annette Buldrige, another sprinter in the 100 and 220 yard dash areas. Boucek lost Marilyn Lee, a shot put competitor, to a school transfer.

As team scores went, it was not a tremendously

successful 1977 campaign, because in most of the meets only individual results are kept. In the one dual meet the women hosted, they defeated the Washburn Ichabods. Other meets the women participated in were the Tabor Relays and McPherson Relays in which they placed fairly successfully. There is no HAAC meet for women.

Boucek hopes to see improvement this year when the women take to the track.

MEN'S TRACK

Over the years the Ottawa University track team has compiled 17 champions of the HAAC meet but slipped to a fourth place finish in 1977.

The 1978 track squad, under the direction of Bill Boucek, should provide some exciting action for Braves' fans. Boucek will welcome back numerous lettermen including Jim Perkins, a 440 man who long jumps, triple jumps and runs a leg on the mile relay. Others returning include William Hales, a triple jumper, Keith Butler, a discus thrower, Brian Merkle, a sprinter, Mike McRoberts, an intermediate hurdler, and Paul Van Arsdale in the 440. Specialty men coming back will be Bruce Underwood, distance runner, Steve McInnis, a shot putter, Dennis Green, a triple jumper and Joel Pavelonis, a pole vaulter.

In most major relay meets the team scores are no longer kept, and only individual awards are given to the athletes. In meets where score was kept, OU won one dual and one triangular meet. The Braves also dropped a dual to William Jewell for their only head to head loss of the season.

The schedule of the 1978 season has not been set yet as is the practice for most spring sports.

Results: HAAC Meet - 4th

Emporia Relays - No Score Kept

KU Relays - No Score Kept

Washburn-William Jewell - Won

McPherson Relays - No Score Kept

William Jewell - Lost

Tabor Relays - No Score Kept

Tarkio - Won

Southwest Relays - No Score Kept



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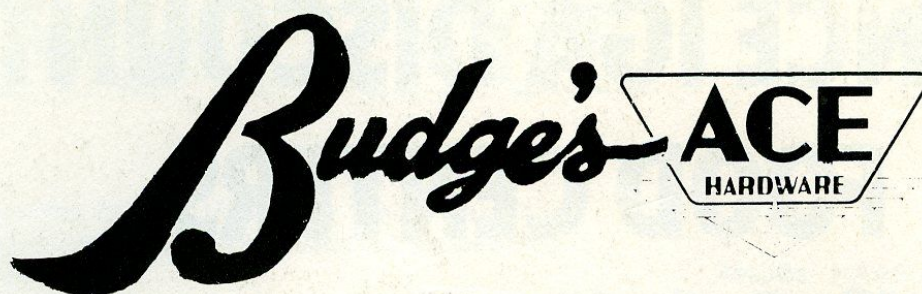
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