

## Senior Sparks Bailey Team ----By Coach L.E. Pittman

Owen Strickland, spark-minded senior, is responsible for a large part in the improved fortune of the Bailey baseball team. His capable handling of pitchers, Reginald Brown and Lamar Finch, has increased their efficiency and number of wins.

### Owen is typical of what *Know Your Team*

The spotlight brightly shines toward two junior boys for their outstanding baseball playing ability. They are Lamar Finch and Junior Bass.

LAMAR FINCH--Lamar, president of the junior class, has been pitching for the Bailey baseball team for three years. Throughout this season he has won three games and lost one. Against Nashville High School, Lamar pitched a no hit game. This game is the only no hit game that has been played this year. Among other activities, Lamar is a three-year varsity basketball player, and a moviegoer.

JUNIOR BASS--Vice-president, basketball player, excellent baseball player, assistant school bus driver, and moviegoer are a few of the many things that keeps this junior well occupied.

"Junior", states Coach L. E. Pittman, "is the only infielder of the team that hasn't made an error this season."

At the position of first base, he is usually seen backing the catcher, Owen Strickland, up under almost any circumstances.

is recognized as the competitive player in the baseball field. No chance is too great, and his team spirit and sparkling play sets a fine example for the other players.

At bat, Owen is a consistent "clutch" hitter. With men on base he usually produces the necessary power. Owen's one great weakness is trying to get an extra base out of every hit. So far he hasn't made one.

He is the best high school catcher that I have ever seen. Only two men have stolen a base on Owen in six games. His throw to second is practically perfect. As the Bailey coach, my one wish is that I had more players like Owen.

### *The Sports Mirror*

"The pre-season survey of the baseball team revealed good pitching and catching, a fairly good infield, and a weak outfield. However, in one department only did the condition seem hopeless" says Coach L. E. Pittman.

The greatest weakness of several of the team members was in the hitting. Two factors seemed to be involved, lack of know-how and lack of practice.

The new activity period has aided the team and coach by giving the necessary know-how and practice. Recent games have shown that the players are rapidly developing as good hitters. The remaining weak hitters are forced to improve in order to stay in the lineup.

Mr. Pittman reports, "The

## Team Rates High


The Bailey baseball team has won five games and lost two during the season. Statistics reveal this to be a better record than in former years.

infield and outfield play has improved; errors are becoming infrequent. Good from the beginning, the pitching and catching have improved.

"All in all, I am surprised, but not satisfied, with the progress made. I expect the players to continue to improve. I can say that the Bailey team has made more progress in less time than any of the other teams that I have coached."

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