

big seven tournament
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WILDCAT SCOREBOARD

Record to date - W 3 L 2 ; 89 Texas Tech 70; Indiana 72 Indiana 96; 64 Drake 70; 92 Loyola L.A. 66; 74 Washington 69 W 3 L 2

Returning lettermen -(5) Joe Powell, f-c; Fritz Schneider, g; Dick Stone, f; Pachin Vicens, g; Gene Wilson, g

1955 Big Seven finish - 3rd T 3rd , 6-6; all games , 11-10;

Previous tournament finishes : 1946 - 3rd; 1947 -1st; 1948-4th; 1949 - 3rd; 1950 - 1st; 1951 - 3rd; 1952 - 1st; 1953 - 5th; 1954-2nd; W 20 L 7, .741

Remaining pre-tournament games - Dec 21 Houston at Houston

First round opponent - Iowa State, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday

Kansas State will bid for its fourth Big Seven finest mass tournament championship with the conference's finest blend of veterans and sophomores.

Tex Winter is bringing along a club which built on five lettermen , two sophomore starters and a bench of rookie-junior reserves . With normal development it is a conglomerate which figures to contend all the way for the 1956 Big Seven flag. It carries good size, adequate speed and high firepower.

As for the tournament, which commences its tenth annual run Tuesday night in Municipal auditorium , the Wildcats have tradition on their side. In nine years they have finished below third only twice. They failed to place in the first division only in 1953, lone only occasion on which they have dropped a first-round game. Their 20-7 tourney won-lost level is the composite best among league teams. And their three titles are the most won by any entry.