Medsker, one-time all-prep luminary from Englewood, Colo., has lived up to expectations. Up to Friday's match with ~~ktgvx~~ Vanderbilt, ranked 19th in the latest UP poll, he was averging 12.6 points per game.

John Crawford, 6-5 New Yorker, is the other ~~an~~ rookie who has answered every tipoff call. Lyle Frahm, 6-1, ~~xmxrd~~ and Larty Swanson, ~~6x~~ 5-11, ~~x~~ divided starting duty through the first five games before giving way to Senior Arnie Saarde, 5-10 non-letterman from Manning, Ia.

Ace of this squad is Gary Thompson, 5-10, 160-pound guard, and quite possibly the Big Seven's finest clutch player. It was Thompson who engineered last year's opening-round ~~mpxetx~~ 82-81 upset of Kansas with four consecutive free throws in the last ~~kvnwx~~ three minutes. He went on ~~top~~ top all sophomores in conference play with a 16.0 average over the 12-game route. He is s fine play-maker and defender and ~~fivwnx~~ gives the Cyclones poised floor leadership. Up to the Vanderbilt game he trailed only Missouri's Normn Stewart and Chuck Rolles of Cornell on the pre-tournament scoring tables with a 19.8 mean. He has been hled under 20 in only one game .

Chuck Vogt, 6-5 junior, and a holdover regular, like Thompson, teams with Crawford at forward to give the Cyclones a towering front line. He averaged 13.0 through the first ~~six~~ five games.

The Cyclones have been getting good secondary wcroing too. Seven of 11 men used against Texas Tech notched at least one point. The pattern ran 7 of 9 against Colorado A & M; 11 of 15 against North Dakota State , and six of eight against Tulsa, which State plastered with its first defeat pf the season.