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TIGER SCOREBOARD

Record to date - 71 South Dakota 46; 58 Purdue 62; 92 Texas Tech 60; 74 Illinois 73; 78 Indiana 81; 81 Idaho 57 W 4 L 2

Returning lettermen - ~~Eddie Richards~~ (7) Eddie Richards, g; Norm Stewart, g; Lionel Smith, g; Chuck Denny, c; Bill Ross, f; Red Reichert, f; Eddie Ronsick, f

1955 Big Seven finish ~~2~~ - 2nd 9-3; all games: ~~x~~ 16-5

Previous tournament finishes ~~x~~ : 1946 - 7th; 1947 -6th; 1948 - 6th; 1949 -1st; 1950 -7th; 1951 - 2nd; 1952 - 3rd; 1953 - 3rd; 1954 - 1st W 17 L 10 .630

Remaining pre-tournament games - none

First round opponent - Nebraska, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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A big, blond scoring demon named Norm Stewart has made Missouri the Big Seven bellcow as the Tigers head into defense of their Big Seven tournament championship Wednesday night at Municipal auditorium.

With Stewart rocketing along at a 26.2 average through MU's first six games, Spraky Stalcip's gang has been more impressive than any tournament team. Its record won't lift any eyebrows at 4-2, but consider these facts..... 1) Only seven points separate Missouri from a perfect 6-0 figure, and 2) Its average margin of victory, 12.5, would have ranked tenth among the nation's college teams last year.

Lone losses have been to Indiana, 18th ranked in the latest AP poll, 78-81, in Columbia, and to Purdue, 58-62, in Lafayette. Between times, the Tigers have run over South Dakota, Texas Tech, Illinois, and Idaho. MU disposed of the latter, 81-57, Monday in its tournament dress rehearsal and thus left more than a week to prepare for its opener against the Cornhuskers.