

# Iowa State Young But Dangerous in Big 7 Meet

## CYCLONE SCOREBOARD.

Record to date—W. 5, L. 1; 86 N. Dakota State 60; 72 Texas Tech 62; 62 Tulsa 50; 72 Colorado A. & M. 60; 62 Denver 65; 87 Vanderbilt 76.

Returning letterman—(3) Jerry Sandhulte, f; Gary Thompson, g; Chuck Vogt, f.

1955 Big Seven finish—6th, 4-8; all games: 11-10.

Previous tournament finishes—1946, 8th; 1947, 7th; 1948, 3rd; 1949, 8th; 1950, 6th; 1951, 7th; 1952, 7th; 1953, 6th; 1954, 3rd; W. 9, L. 18, .333.

Remaining pre-tournament games, none.

First round opponent—Kansas State 9:30 p. m. Tuesday.

**I**OWA STATE will hit the Municipal Auditorium planks Tuesday with the youngest team in the tenth annual Big Seven tournament. Bill Strannigan, the now gray-thatched former Wyoming ace, has only three seniors on his entire squad, and only one of them is a prominent figure. Likewise there are only three lettermen available, smallest number of any competing team. And frequently as many as three sophomores have been starting through the Cyclones' first six games.

Nonetheless, State must be conceded a chance of duplicating last year's third place finish, which equalled the high-water-

## STANDINGS TO DATE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
Iowa State .....	5	1	.833	441	363
Missouri .....	4	2	.667	449	379
Kansas .....	4	2	.667	410	405
Colorado .....	3	3	.500	357	373
Kansas State .....	3	3	.500	470	457
Oklahoma .....	2	5	.286	442	509
Nebraska .....	2	5	.286	408	473
xCornell .....	3	2	.600	356	348

x—Guest team.

mark of Cyclone tournament successes and marked only the second time they have finished in the meet's first division.

One sophomore in particular is an important one. He is Don Medsker, 6-8 center. His presence means the Iowans will be one of only three tournament teams to mount a genuine big man in the pivot. Kansas State and Colorado are the other two.

to Friday's match with Vanderbilt, he was averaging 12.6 points a game.

John Crawford, 6-5 New Yorker, is the other rookie who has answered every tipoff call. Lyle Frahm, 6-1, and Larry Swanson, 5-11, divided starting duty at guard through the first four games before giving way to Senior Arnie Gaarde, 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 82-81 upset of Kansas with four consecutive free throws in the last three minutes. He went on to top all sophomores in conference play with a 16.0 average over the 12-game route. He is a fine play-maker and defender and gives the Cyclones shrewd floor leadership. Up to the Vanderbilt game he trailed only Missouri's Norm Stewart and Chuck Rolles of Cornell on the pre-tournament scoring tables with a 19.8 mean. He has been held under twenty in only one game.

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

The Cyclones have been getting good secondary scoring, too. Seven of eleven men used against Texas Tech notched at least one point. The pattern ran seven of nine against Colorado A. and M., eleven of fifteen against North Dakota State, and six of eight against Tulsa, which State plastered with its first defeat of the season.