

He was not eligible until the semester last winter , but averaged 19.1 in OU's last eight conference games. His mean through the first five this year is .

Cornell, ~~wilxvpraxenxxxx~~ this year's guest team, will present a ~~xxxx~~ three-year regular ~~xxxx~~ in the pivot. 6-5, 220-pound Ray Zelek. ~~His~~ His scoring and rebound averages last year were 9.1 and 10.8; as a sophomore, 10.1 and 10.5. He averaged 14.0 through the Big Red's first three games.

Departure of ~~Halderson~~, Reiter, Chuck Duncan, of Iowa State, and Willard Fagler of Nebraska, signalled the end of the conference's last four-year men, who were eligible as freshmen under Korean ~~war~~ suspension of the yearling rule. Their graduation also wiped away the last vestiges of a glistening Old Guard which had existed since Tucker led Oklahoma into the first tourney in 1946.

Never has the Big Seven witnessed such excellent mass center play as during that era. You had to be ~~exceptionally~~ ~~vx~~ a Helms Foundation Player of the Year to rise even a fraction above the pack. And that's exactly what Tucker and Lovellette were.

Some idea of the old star's dominance can be gleaned from this fact. When Duncan won the tournament scoring scepter last ~~xxxxxx~~ December , it marked the eighth time in nine meets that crown went to a center. Lovellette won three of these; Tucker, Gene Peterson of Kansas; ~~Waters~~, and Kansas State's Dick Knostman captured singletons.

Contesting them were men like Stauffer, Bob Whitehead and Bob Pierce of Nebraska, and Freiburger.