

O. U. in a Good Spot To Halt Buff Cagers

SOONER SCOREBOARD.

Record to date: W 2 L 3; 65 Baylor 55; 47 Rice 62; 69 Vanderbilt 78; 68 Ohio State 89; 69 Arkansas 59.

Returning lettermen—(4)—Ed Abbey, f; LeRoy Bacher, c; Bob Burr, g; Jimmy Peck, g.

1955 Big Seven finish—7th, 1-11; all games: 3-18.

Previous tournament finishes—1946—5th; 1947—5th; 1948—1st; 1949—2nd; 1950—3rd; 1951—4th; 1952—8th; 1953—2nd; 1955—4th W 15 L 12 Pct. .556.

Remaining pre-tournament games—Dec. 20 Oklahoma A. & M. at Norman; Dec. 23 Illinois at Urbana.

First round opponent—Colorado, 7:30 p. m. December 27.

O KLAHOMA, the traditional upset team of Big Seven tournament history, again is poised in a prime position to bring off a form reversal when the tenth annual affair opens a 4-day run next Tuesday in the Municipal Auditorium.

The Sooners, re-grouping under Doyle Parrack, an intense young coach who played for arch-rival Oklahoma A. and M., are paired against Colorado in the meet's tipoff game at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Remember Last Year?

Colorado is the team Oklahoma ambushed, 73-71, in an overtime first-rounder last year. The significance of this conquest can be best understood by this two-edged fact. C. U. went on to win the conference while Oklahoma was dead last at 1-11. The upset of the Herd was one of only three games the Sooners won last year in their final season under Bruce Drake.

In 1949 O. U. toppled Kansas State, an eventual conference tri-champion in the league season following. This top was a first-round affair. Only a last second goal by the Wildcats' Jim Iverson saved State the next year, 55-53. And that was the Purple's best all-time team, going all the way to the N. C. A. A. finals. In '51 Drake's Shufflers skidded Stanford into the discard in the opening round. The Indians had come into the meet undefeated.

Colorado and O. U. are much more closely-matched this winter than last, on paper, at least. Still, the Buffaloes will rank as solid favorites, barring tremendous upheavals in the two clubs' few remaining engagements before tournament time.

and jump-shooters as a sophomore last year.

He'll Get Good Mileage.

The 33-year-old Parrack can be counted upon to wring the most from a squad which represents the first step in a hoped-for Sooner rise back to conference contention. As expected from a Hank Iba disciple, Parrack has installed slow-down basketball. Drake could put together unsurpassed ball-control when he wished, but Parrack is likely to go with it all the way. The Sooners have put an average of only 56 shots per game. The defense was good enough to limit Temple Tucker, Rice's heralded 6-10 sophomore, to his season's low of ten points December 8, although Oklahoma lost, 47-62.

The Sooners tackle their second Big Ten opponent Friday in Illinois. Ohio State flogged them, 89-68, December 12.

The all-time composite tournament standings:

	T.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	OPP.	Chps.
So. Meth...	1	3	0	1.000	151	135	1
Kansas St..	9	20	7	.741	1,828	1,648	3
Kansas...	9	18	9	.667	1,737	1,596	2
Ok. A.&M..	1	2	1	.667	134	120	0
Michigan..	1	2	1	.667	162	159	0
Minnesota..	1	2	1	.667	198	189	0
Stanford...	1	2	1	.667	249	238	0
Missouri...	9	17	10	.630	1,585	1,521	2
Oklahoma...	9	15	12	.556	1,711	1,673	1
Arkansas..	1	1	2	.333	150	155	0
Yale.....	1	1	2	.333	181	190	0
California..	1	1	2	.333	200	219	0
Iowa State.	9	9	18	.333	1,611	1,770	0
Colorado..	8	8	16	.333	1,470	1,456	0
Nebraska..	9	7	20	.259	1,579	1,782	0
Harvard...	1	0	3	.000	156	193	0
Washington.	1	0	3	.000	212	249	0