

Even though Colorado lost four of the five starters which took it to third place in the N. C. A. A. last year, it is starting a full team of lettermen. In contrast, Oklahoma is fusing two sophomores with one holdover letterman and two returning regulars in its starting five. Furthermore, Parrack shows only four lettermen on his entire squad, fewer than any conference team, and is carrying ten sophomores on his 18-man squad. An eleventh, Fred Hood, 6-4 200-pounder, will miss the tourney because of duty with Sooner football forces in the Orange bowl.

Three Good Sophomores.

Parrack's rookie starters are Joe King, 6-6½ Norman forward, who is also Bacher's relief at center, and Joe Jones, 6-1½ Oklahoma Citian. A third soph, Bill Pinkerton, 6-4 Oklahoma Citian, came off the bench to score eighteen points in last week's 69-59 vanquishing of Arkansas.

Ed Abbey, 6-4 Denverite, is the lettered junior starter. He plays opposite King in the front line. Bacher, the 6-5½, 230-pound pachyderm with the soft touch, is at center, of course. Peck, a leaping little guy cut from the same cloth as the departed Lester Lane, pairs with Jones in the backline.

This club carries more balanced height than Big Seven fans are accustomed to seeing in Sooner livery. Drake became famous for his Dribbling Dwarfs, which often were hubbed by a giant like Bill Waters or Marcus Freiburger. Parrack has no one as towering as the 6-11 Freiburger, but overall squad height is the best in recent seasons if not of all time.

Bacher will carry a 5-game average of 16.4 into Tuesday's collision with Oklahoma A. & M. at Norman. Peck is traveling at 13.4; King 12.6.

Bacher is successor to Missouri's Med Park as the league's best maneuverer around the boards and owns a touch as deft as Gerald Tucker, OU's Helms Foundation player of the Year in 1947 and this tourney's first scoring champion in the front end of that season.

Peck established himself as one of the loop's best dribblers