

Four of these players have occupied regular roles all season while Frahm, hampered by an ankle injury, got off to a slow start.

"Lyle played real well defensively against Vanderbilt, and offensively as far as that goes," said Stranigan. "He started hitting his stride on our road trip to Colorado."

Kansas State is expected to start two rookies—6-9 Jack Parr and 6-4 Larry Fischer. It has a 3-3 record with one of the losses being at Drake, 70-64.

One of the features of the game should be Thompson vs. Pachin Vicens, the Wildcats 5-9 ballhandling star built along the same slick, quick lines as Gary.

Inch Taller.

Parr, an inch taller than the highest Iowa Stater, has averaged 16.2 points.

A year ago both teams won their openers, advanced in the winners bracket and Kansas State won the semifinal game, 70-60. Then it added two more victories during the regular season.

Colorado, victor over the State University of Iowa, meets Oklahoma in tonight's opener.

The Buffs won the Big Seven regular season race a year ago, but have only one starter back.