

Carrying the paradox further, neither ~~xx~~ Herd edition of the last two seasons could finish in the tournament's first division. They were fifth last year and seventh the year previous.

Fact is, the Buffs outrank only Nebraska in the meet's all-time ~~composx~~ composite standings, and have landed among the first four only once in eight years. CU's tourney high is a fourth in 1949. It has been last twice.

If Colorado is to continue this strange pattern this year's club should at least equal the school's all-time tourney high. The Buffs are capable of such estate, despite the most murderous graduation losses among conference teams.

Gone are Center Burdette Halderson, two-time Big Seven scoring champion; Bob Jeangerard, possibly the loop's all-round best through the 1955 season, and those two canny guards, Charles Mock and Tom Harrold.

Only holdovers are Mel Coffman, 6-3 ex-marine, and Jim Ranglos, the high-leaping Greek, who also measures 6-3. They shared a regular forward berth opposite Jeangerard last season as the ~~xx~~ Mountaineers bagged their first undisputed league cage title since departing the old Skyline confederacy.

Tournament fans will see a club a few cuts below the champions of the past two years. But no-one need shed tears over Bebe Lee's gang. It carries adequate size, balance, and depth. Quite likely ^{tourney's} Experience is not as absent ~~is with high present with best ball-control. ~~xxxxxx~~~~

Although Ranglos and Coffman necessarily are the cornerstones, the key man is George Hannah, 6-7, 205-pound center who in relief for Halderson. has earned two letters