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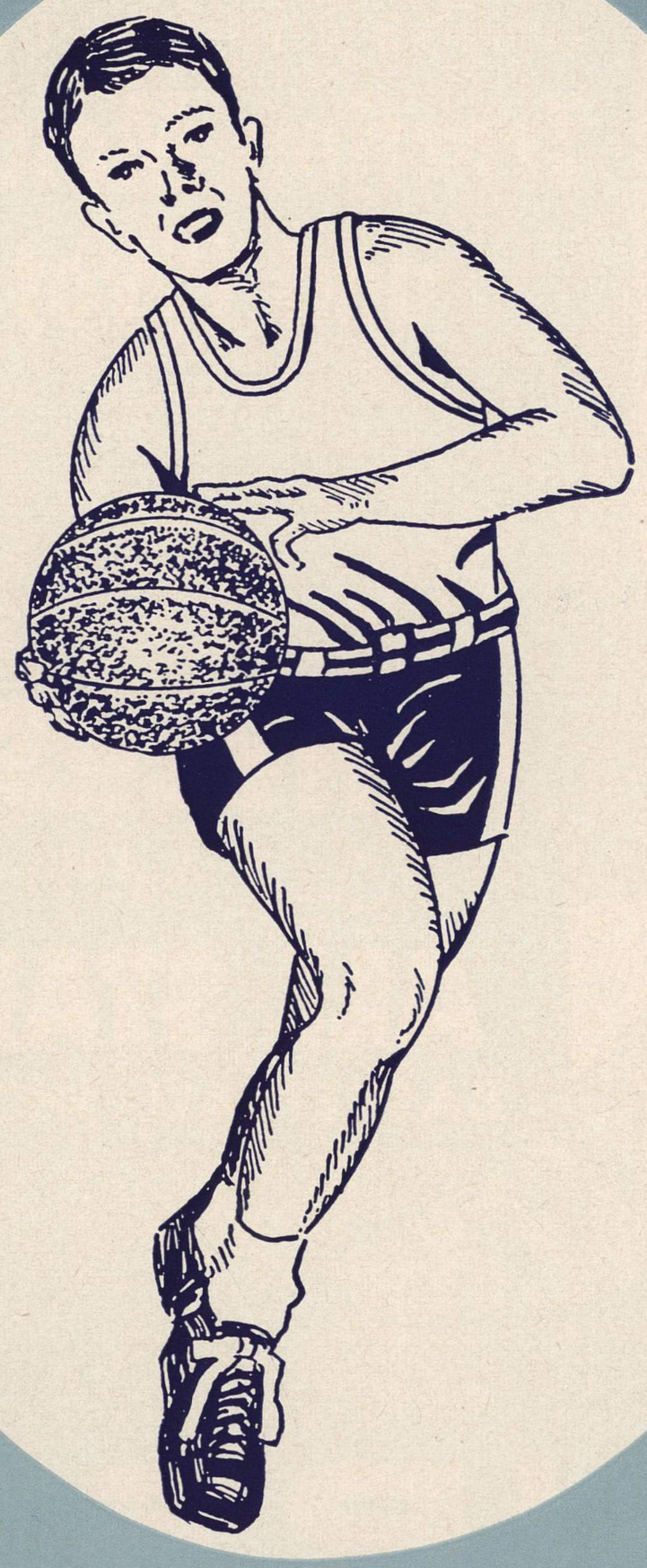

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## Head Coach Dr. F. C. Allen

Phog Allen, dean of American basketball coaches, will reach a fantastic milestone this season as he guides his 39th Kansas squad. He will be in his 46th season overall in a career that spans stretches at Haskell, Baker and Warrensburg Teachers in addition to Kansas.

The most durable tutor in the land, Allen also is the winningest. His teams at those four schools have yielded 757 victories against 224 defeats for a .771 percentage. The former figure still is more than 100 games ahead of his closest rival, Western Kentucky's Ed Diddle, who has logged 630 wins in 33 seasons. And Allen's totals do not include the eight victories in 13 games which Howard Engelman brought home in 1947 when the former was forced into temporary retirement by a head injury. Allen bowed out at mid-season that winter.

This is not all of Allen's astonishing record. His teams have won outright or shared 31 conference championships. Twenty-four of these have been wrought at Kansas, thereby netting him more than half the titles in the history of the Missouri Valley, Big Six and Big Seven, a span of 47 years. This means, that in three leagues, Allen's Jayhawkers have won more crowns than all other conference competitors combined.

His 1952 squad captured the highest double honor possible in collegiate basketball, the NCAA and a substantial contribution to the United States Olympic team. Seven Jayhawkers played on the club which brought away the USA's third world crown at Helsinki.

Allen is a charter member of the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame. In 1952 he was selected by Helms as "Basketball Man of the Year". In 1950 he earned the same designation from his fellow coaches. He was voted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1953, being a native of that state.

He also has run the gamut of all-star tutoring, guiding the College Five against the professional champion Minneapolis Lakers in 1953, the West to victory over the East in the 1950 college all-star match in New York and the West over the East in the Kansas City collegiate Shrine game of 1952.

He has garnished his won-lost record with four unbeaten conference champions, 1923, 1936, 1943, and 1946.

Direct contributions to the game are: (1) One of founders of the National Basketball Coaches association and its first president; (2) Instrumental in founding the NCAA tournament; (3) Almost singlehandedly landed basketball on the Olympic agenda in 1936.

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## Head Coach H. B. (Bebe) Lee

Colorado's H. B. (Bebe) Lee gets maximum production from a solid basketball background which includes toprate experience both as a player and coach.

He stepped into an extremely difficult situation at Colorado in 1950, taking over a school mired in second division after entering the Big Seven league in 1948. Not a mircale man, Lee's Colorado team started inauspiciously with 7, 4 and 7 finishes his first three seasons. But Lee was making a tremendous overhaul of Colorado cage fortunes during those campaigns and the results began to show in 1954 when his club made an all-the-way haul from last place to tie for first. Last year the Buffs applied the "clincher" with their outright title and their topheavy win over Iowa in the NCAA meet.

What has been Lee's outstanding coaching characteristics thus far? Defense, easily. The former Stanford star emphasizes defense to the point of perfection. His championship teams limited Big Seven foes to identical 66.0 averages in 1954 and 1955, tops in the conference both years.

Offensively, Colorado's teams have been sound, if not spectacular. The Buffaloes in 1955 sailed along at a 70.9 scoring clip in 25 games while limiting their opponents to a 62.7 mark. Lee adapts his offense to his material.

Lee is a native of Dallas, Texas, and grew up in California, lettering in basketball at Hollywood high school. At Sanford, he "quarterbacked" the great Indian basketball teams which swept to the Pacific Coast conference championships in 1936, 37 and 38. The man to whom Lee directed the Stanford attack was one of cagedom's all-time greats, Hank Luisetti.

President of the Stanford student body during his senior year, Lee received his degree in education in 1938. He stayed on as basketball assistant at Stanford for three years before accepting the head job at Utah State in 1941.

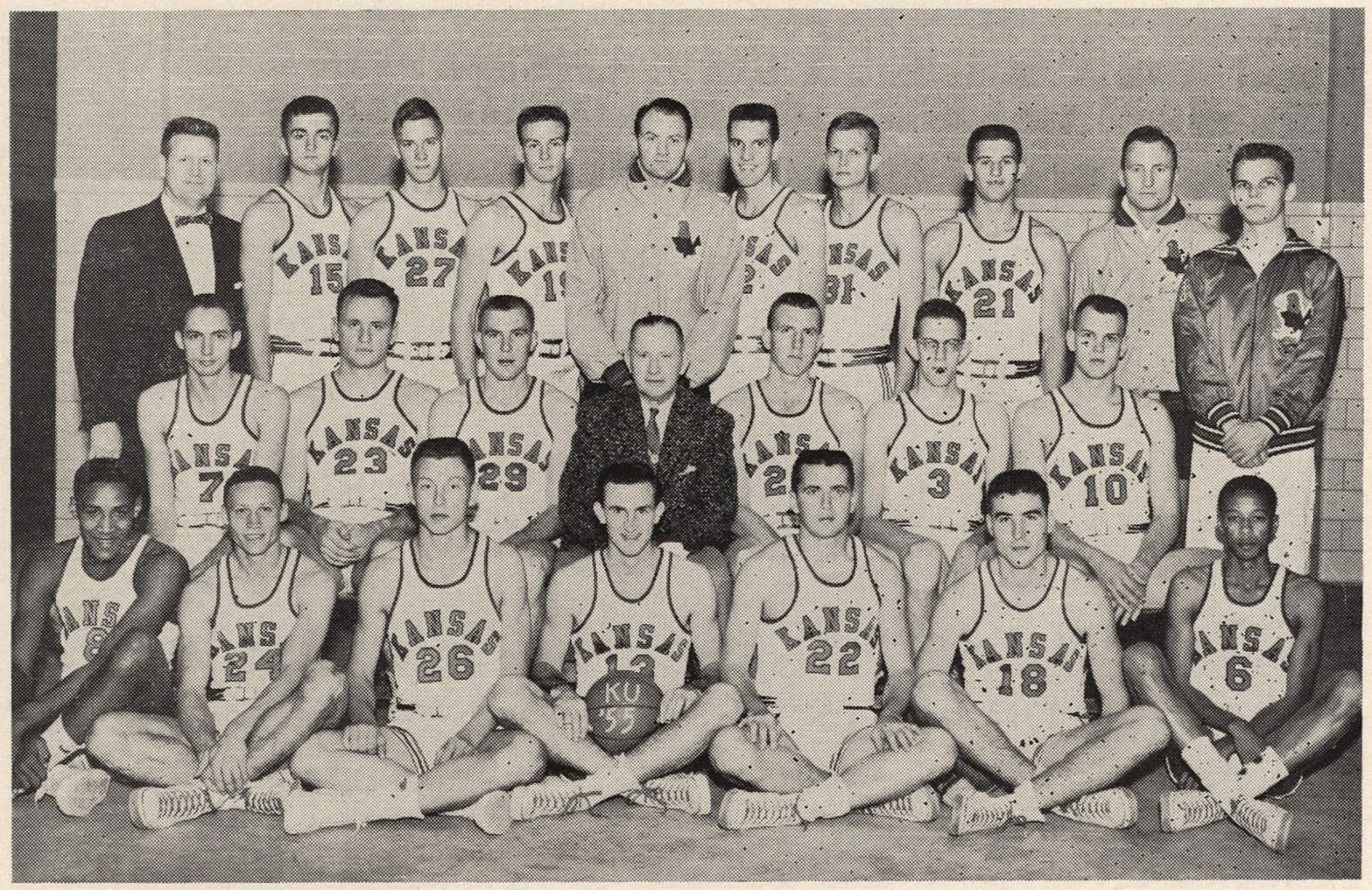
His coaching career lasted exactly one game . . . a winning effort . . . before he was called into the Navy. In the Navy he rejoined Luisetti at St. Mary's Pre-Flight and the pair sparked the base team to an unbeaten season.

Discharged as a lieutenant in 1945, Lee returned to Utah State as head coach in 1946 and 1947. Then he entered private business in San Francisco and Salt Lake City, returning to basketball in 1949 as head coach at Colorado A&M.

He took over at Colorado a year later. His five-year record at Colorado is 52-64.

Lee is married and the father of two daughters and a son.

# UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



**Front row, left to right: Maurice King, Blaine Hollinger, Mark Boxberger, Capt. Dallas Dobbs, John Parker, Ronnie Johnston, Bob Lockley.**

**Second row, left to right: Bill Brainard, Jim Toft, Lee Green, Dr. F. C. Allen, head coach; Lew Johnson, Gary Mowry, Al Hurst, Dick Borgen, student manager.**

**Third row: Dean Nesmith, trainer; Bob McMichael, John Cleland, John Flannagan, Jack Eskridge, assistant; Gene Elstun, Harry Jett, Ed Dater, Dick Harp, assistant coach.**

## UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS THUMBNAILS

### FORWARDS

**Boxberger, Mark**—All-State Class A selection from Russell High, 1954 . . . Quit football to concentrate on basketball as collegian and showed marked improvement as freshman . . . Owns good determination . . . Must improve in all departments to meet competition among front-court candidates.

**Brainard, Bill**—Angular Newton veteran who hit full stride last year with successful transition from pivot to forward . . . Can relieve at post if needed . . . Exceptionally difficult to cover around basket . . . Maneuvers well for shots, drives hard for goal and is aggressive on backboard despite lean physique . . . Improved outside jump-shooting and ball-handling last year to convert successfully to forward . . . Terrific competitor who always gives best . . . Normal improvement during senior hitch will elevate him to one of Big Seven's best frontliners . . . Lettered as Sophomore chiefly as substitute center . . . Escorted KU to 82-73 victory over Oklahoma in finals of 1953 Big Seven tournament by canning 22 points, tying single-game tourney free-throw record with 14 charities, also a new modern Mt. Oread mark . . . Finished 15th among conference scorers last year with 12.7 average . . . Logged 40-percent shooting average from field last season, highest among Jayhawk starters.

**Elstun, Gene**—Regarded as finest sophomore in conference last season . . . Nimble and tough under backboard . . . Good right-hand shooter off set and jump . . . Creditable defender and good hustler . . . Conscientious competitor who always plays hard . . . Earned starting role from outset of season last year despite inexperience and held it all the way . . . Two-year all-state AA prep selection under Bob Johnson, former Jayhawk forward, at Shawnee-Mission . . . Played in 1953 North-South game . . . Second highest scorer on club last year at 299 points . . . Hit 37 percent of field goal tries . . . Ranked 10th among league pointsmiths with 14.0 average . . . Normal improvement would rank him as one of conference's finest hands.

**Green, Lee**—Improved switfly through final month of sophomore campaign . . . Broke into only three games, but is expected to help front line situation considerably this winter . . . Needs only to sharpen defense to make strong bid for starting job . . . Carries good shooting and rebounding promise.

**Jett, Harry**—Possibly finest shooter on squad . . . Fires equally well of right-hand jump or set . . . If he can score under pressure vie for starting berth . . . Broke into only two varsity games last of game competition his shooting ability alone will allow him to year as sophomore.

**King, Maurice**—Frequent starter as sophomore last season, and played will enough to take part in 20 of 21 games . . . Nimble, high-leaping rebounder . . . Secure ball-handler and creditable scorer . . . Hit 35-percent of field goal tries in '55 . . . Improved steadily throughout season to play best game in relief role during last three weeks . . . Normal improvement would lift him to forward of Big Seven standards.

**Lockley, Bob**—Philadelphia, Pa., sophomore who could become one of greatest jumpers in Kansas basketball history . . . Better than average defensive ability and attains aggressiveness to bid for playing time.

**McMichael, Bob**—Sturdy 6-3, 190-pound sophomore from Stockton who is stout under boards, but must improve other phases of play to earn playing consideration.

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**Johnson, Lew**—Improved steadily through sophomore season against host of veteran pivots on other Big Seven teams . . . Durable, ceaseless battler who spun good all-round job for first-year pivot in '55 . . . Set new school single-game rebound record of 24 in finale against Oklahoma, surpassing Clyde Lovellette's 21 in 1952 NCAA final against St. John . . . Enjoyed best nights against Kansas State's towering tandem of Roger Craft and Jerry Jung, collecting 11 rebounds and 13 points while limiting Wildcat pair to a total of 12 and three in victory at Manhattan and 13 rebounds and 20 points in Allen Field house dedicatory win, against 7 and 20 for Craft and Jung . . . Collected 230 rebounds for season, more than either Clyde Lovellette or B. H. Horn, both 6-9 all-Americans, were able to harvest in their sophomore seasons . . . One of four regulars over 200 points last season with 210 . . . Capable hooker and good tipper . . . Tireless rebounder and creditable team defender . . . Normal improvement would project him as one of league's best centers despite comparative lack of size at 6-6½ and 190.

**Mowry, Gary**—Six-seven, 185-pound sophomore from St. Joseph, Missouri, who fashioned great improvement during freshman season . . . Tremendous trier . . . Still must improve to bid for playing time.

**Toft, Jim**—Big (6-6 by 220) senior with creditable all-around ability who could give spot a major lift by improvement of skills and aggressiveness.

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**Cleland, John**—Topeka sophomore who shows evidence of ability, but must become more consistent to break into playing time.

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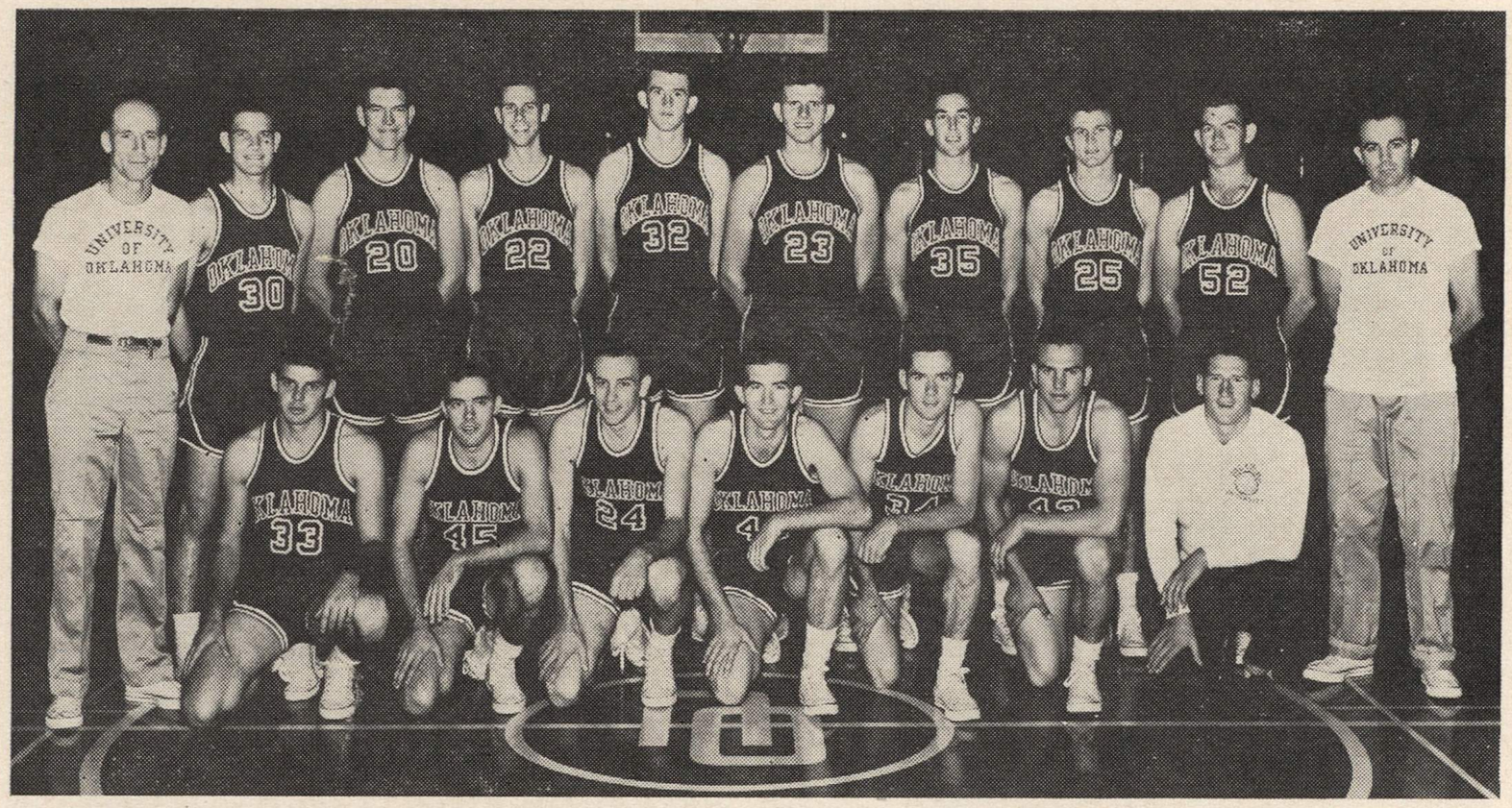
# UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA




**Standing (l. to r.): Assistant Coach John Grayson, Joe Jones, Ed Abbey, Lannie Anderson, Joe King, LeRoy Bacher, Bill Pinkerton, Larry Ivan, Eddie Fisher, Coach Doyle Parrack.**
**Kneeling: Gary Lovett, Charles McClure, Gary Balding, Max Claiborne, Jimmy Peck, Art Kell, Student Manager Jack Majors.**

## UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA THUMBNAILS

**Abbey, Ed**—Junior letterman 6-4 tall from Denver, Colo who averaged 3.9 points per game last year, hitting 20 of 60 field goal tries for .333 percent and meshing 34 of 52 free tosses for .654 percent . . . good rebounder . . . grabbed 81 rebounds last year for average of 4.3 per game . . . played little first part of last season but became a regular towards the end . . . 20, 170, played at Denver, Colo. East high where he co-captained his team under Coach William Weimar . . . also lettered in golf . . . major: chemistry and biology . . . son of Edward J. Abbey, Denver secretary-accountant.

**Anderson, Lannie**—Sophomore forward from Wewoka, Okla who stands 6-3½ tall and showed a great deal of improvement as a freshman here last year . . . good rebounder and hustler . . . won three letters in basketball at Wewoka high school under Coach Phil Ball . . . also lettered three times in tennis and was state high school boys' singles champion in 1954 . . . counted on to bolster OU's tennis team next spring . . . 20, 160, pre-medical student . . . son of W. P. Anderson, Wewoka postal clerk.

**Bacher, LeRoy**—6-5 Sophomore center from El Reno, Okla. who didn't become eligible last year until the second semester . . . played well despite the fact he was a semester behind the rest of the squad in conditioning and tactics . . . averaged 18.6 points and 13 rebounds per game . . . playing inside, hit 56 of 140 field goal tries for .400 percent and canned 74 of 101 free throws for .733 percent . . . hit 14 free throws against Nebraska at Norman, a record for the OU Fieldhouse . . . won the Oklahoma A&M game at Stillwater with his clutch shooting down the stretch . . . 24, 220 . . . enrolled at Oklahoma as freshman 1949-50 then played four years of service basketball . . . high school coach: Jenks Simmons . . . education major . . . son of C. G. Bacher, El Reno flour mill foreman.

**Balding, Gary**—Cool, little sopohmore guard from Hazelton, Kansas . . . lots of desire . . . above average speed and good ball-handler . . . play-maker type . . . 19, 6-0, 165, majoring in Geology . . . won 15 letters in high school, four each in basketball, tennis and baseball and three in track . . . captained Hazelton high school cage team two years while playing under Coach Marvel Fullerson . . . son of John L. Balding, Hazelton farmer.

**Ivan, Larry**—Rahway, N. J. sophomore with lots of "frog" in his legs . . . stands only 6-3½ but can dunk the ball off a jump . . . forward . . . quick-moving boy who intercepts lots . . . fast breaks well . . . being groomed as high jumper in track . . . 22, 175, sophomore in education . . . Korean war veteran ,having spent 36 months in the army before enrolling at Oklahoma in fall of 1954 . . . graduate of Rahway, N. J., high school where he played basketball for three years under Coach Earl Walters . . . son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Syers of Rahway.

**Jones, Joe**—Hustling sophomore guard from Oklahoma City Classen who made straight A average scholastically last semester . . .pre-law student . . . 19, 6-1½, 170 . . . younger brother of Sterling Jones, a two-sport letterman at OU two years ago . . . lettered in both basketball and baseball at Classen high school . . . Basketball coach at Classen was Jack Robyler . . . captained the Comet cage team his senior year . . . son of Dick Jones of Oklahoma City, judge of the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals and Sooner baseball outfielder of the late 1920s.

**King, Joe**—6-6½ sophomore forward from Norman who played high school basketball at St. Gregory's at Shawnee, Okla. where his coach was Rev. Daniel Sullentrop . . . good prospect . . . shoots well outside for big man . . . moves well for his size . . . tallest guy on squad . . . made 3.06 grade point average as freshman last year . . . good rebounder . . . fine attitude, practicing all his spare time to improve his coordination . . . 19, 190, journalism major . . . also lettered in football and track at St. Gregory's . . . son of William C. King, Norman insurance man.

**Lovett, Gary**—Sophomore hustler from Little Oaks school in eastern Oklahoma who hit five shots of five tried in the varsity's 73-70 overtime victory from the Alumni April 2, 1955 . . . 19, 6-1, 180, physical education major . . . played his high school basketball at Oaks under Coach L. A. Oshwin . . . son of C. A. Vammen, Oaks superintendent.

**Peck, Jimmy**—diminutive junior ball-handler from Leedey, Okla. who at 5-9 and 145 pounds had a fine sophomore season last year, averaging 10.7 points per game . . . Peck's jump shot in the final seconds of an extra period upset Colorado, later Big Seven champs and No. 3 nationally in Big Seven tourney at Kansas City . . . Peck also shot the varsity to a 73-70 victory over the Alumni on All Sports Day last April 2 by scoring 26 points . . . good dribbler and passer . . . business major . . . Peck hit .333 percent of his field goal tries and .753 percent of his foul shots last year . . . he committed only 49 fouls and, don't laugh, averaged 2.4 rebounds per game . . . high school Coaches: Floyd Russell and Larry Martin . . . son of Mrs. Ollie Peck of Leedey.

**Pinkerton, Bill**—a 6-4 sophomore from Oklahoma City Classen whose high school coach was Jack Robyler . . . played guard as freshman last year, developing good one-handed outside shot but as high schooler he played inside . . . 19, 170, majoring in architecture . . . son of Harry Pinkerton, Oklahoma City salesman who played guard on Coach Hugh McDermott's Oklahoma basketball team of 1927.

**Wheeler, Gene**—senior squad man from Clinton, Okla. who played very little last year . . . fired only twice all year from the field but hooped 'em both . . . 21, 6-4, 180, junior . . . business major . . . coached at Clinton high school by Otis Delaporte . . . son of C. A. Wheeler, Tipton, Okla. insurance salesman.

**Claiborne, Max**—Sophomore guard from Hollis . . . good outside shooter . . . lettered four years in basketball at Hollis, Okla. high school under Coach Don Royal . . . also won three letters each in football and baseball and one in track . . . 20, 175, education major . . . son of J. V. Claiborne, Hollis mechanic.

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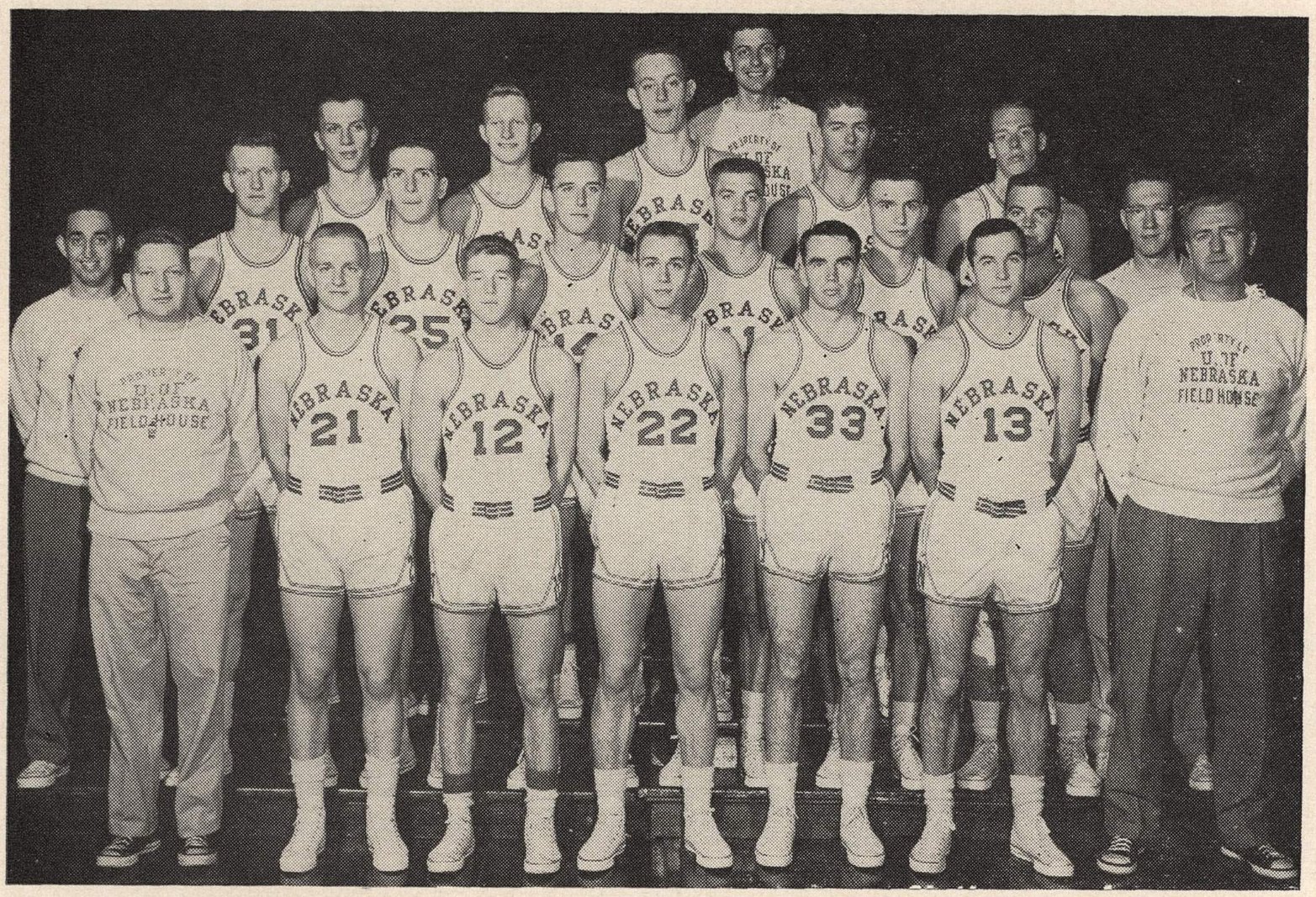
# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA



**First row, left to right: W. D. (Tony) Sharpe, freshman coach; Duane "Whitey" Buel, Malcolm; Jim Kubacki, Toledo, Ohio; Gary Reimers, Millard; Bob Merceir, Lincoln; Billy Wells, West Baden, Ind.; Head Coach Jerry Bush.**

**Second row, left to right: Eddie Kaplan, student manager, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dudley Doebele, Elmwood; Bill Roy, Berwyn, Ill.; Charles Smith, Anderson, Ind.; Doug Gibson, Falls City; Norman Coufal, David City; Gordon Benson, Ong; Lloyd Castner, freshman manager, Ashland.**

**Third row, left to right: Lyle Nannen, Syracuse; Don Smidt, Helena, Mont.; Jim Thom, Lincoln; Rex Ekwall, Holmesville; Jim Arwood, Fostoria, Ohio. At top of picture is Milton "Bus" Whitehead, assistant varsity coach.**

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA THUMBNAILS

**Thom, Jim—**Sophomore—"Big Jim"—6'9"—Lincoln University High—Moves well for a big man . . . Good hook either way . . . . . Good outside set with one hand . . . Desire and aggressiveness could make him a great ball player.

**Smidt, Don—**Sophomore—"Smitty"—6'5"—Helena, Montana . . . Exceptionally fine prospect . . . Good ball handler, rebounder and shot . . . Can play any position.

**Ekwall, Rex—**Junior—"Rexall"—6'5"—Holmesville . . . Did a tremendous job as a Sophomore . . . Great rebounder and good shot . . . Could be one of the finest players in University history.

**Smith, Charles—**Senior—"Chuck"—6'1½"—Anderson, Ind. . . . One of the finest competitiors on the team . . . An intense desire to win . . . Good shooter and by far the best rebounder for his size in the Big Seven.

**Nannen, Lyle—**Sophomore—"Chink"—6'2"—Syracuse . . . Great ball handler and play maker . . . Fine basketball sense . . . Good shooter . . . If his defense comes along he will be a tremendous asset.

**Arwood, James**—Sophomore—"Jim"—6'3"—Fostoria, Ohio . . . Driving type ball player . . . Tremendous attitude . . . Good jump shot, rebounder and has picked up set thot will really toughen his game.

**Mercer, Robert—**Junior—"Bob"—6'0"—Lincoln University High . . . Returning serviceman . . . Spent four years in the Air Force . . . Very good ball handler and shooter . . . Good play maker.

**Kubacki, James** — Sophomore—"Kuba"—5'9"—Toledo, Ohio . . . One of the best shots in the game . . . Great two hand set and jump shot . . . Height is no handicap for this fellow.

**Reimers, Gary—**Sophomore—"Gar"—5'10"—Millard . . . Extremely fast . . . Quick and accurate one hand set and jump shot . . . Good play maker and set up man.

**Buel, Duane—**Senior—"Whitey"—5'10"—Malcolm . . . Returning veteran who did a tremendous job as a junior . . . Good two hand set and drive . . . His experience should be a steadying factor.

**Coufal, Norman—**Senior—"Sofe"—5'11"—David City . . . Very cool ball player . . . Good set and play maker . . . Did exceptional job last season against Kansas.

**Gibson, Doug—**Junior—"Hoot"—6'1"—Falls City . . . A natural athlete . . . Intense desire . . . Should he openly channel his efforts he'll be an asset.

**Wells, William—**Junior—"Billy"—5'11"—West Baden, Ind. . . . Excellent defensive player . . . Good jump shot.

**Doebele, Dudley—**Junior—"Dibble"—6'2"—Elmwood . . . Extremely conscientious . . . Very steady, good jump shot and a real competitor.

**Roy, William—**Senior—"Bill"—6'2"—Berwyn,, Ill. . . . Left handed all the way . . . Very quick and accurate outside set and jump shot.

**Benson, Gordon—**Senior—6'0"—Ong . . . Transfer from Fairbury Junior College . . . Hampered by knee injury in football . . . Plays outside or can play post . . . Good either way for size.

# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

**First row (left to right): Gordon Johnson, Dave Mowbray, Mel Coffman, Dick Nicholson, George Redhair.**

**Second row (left to right): Coach H. B. (Bebe) Lee, Jim Cadle, Mick Mansfield, Frank Wilcox, George Hannah, Jim Ranglos, Jim Jochems, Assistant Coach Bruce Conway.**

**Third row (left to right): Trainer Jack Rockwell, Freshman assistant Wilbert Walter, Bill Peterson, Bob Helzer, Joe Gingrich, Ken Norman, Assistant Bill Toms, Manager John Roberts.**

## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO THUMBNAILS

**ASSISTANT BRUCE CONWAY—**

Bruce Conway, captain of the 1952 Colorado basketball team, returns to his alma mater in a double capacity this year. Conway will serve as varsity assistant coach and head freshman coach.

Conway earned two major basketball letters at Colorado before graduating in 1952. He is a native of Omaha, Neb., where he was a basketball star at Creighton Prep.

Now 27, Conway coached basketball three years in Kansas before returning to Colorado. His Wakefield team of 1952 compiled an outstanding 21-1 record, losing only in the district final. He moved from there to Ness City, where his teams built 17-3 and 9-11 marks.

Conway is married to the former Sue Henkel of Denver. He is working toward a master's degree in personnel service at Colorado.

**FRESHMAN ASSISTANT WILBERT WALTER—**

Assisting Conway with the Colorado freshman team is Wilbert Walter, a Buffalo squadmember for the past three seasons.

The hardworking Walter, who hails from Lingle, Wyo., was an important member of Colorado's championship clubs of the last two years even though he never was a starter. As a reserve, he contributed mightily to the Buff cause, calmly sinking a last-second free throw two years ago at Iowa State to tie the score and set the stage for a thrilling 67-65 victory.

Walter, 22, is married and now a student in Colorado's pharmacy school.

**TRAINER JACK ROCKWELL—**

An important member of the Colorado athletic cast, Trainer Jack Rockwell is in his third year at that vital post. He's one of the fine young trainers in the nation and combines an excellent background in physical therapy with a deep-seated enthusiasm for his job.

Rockwell is a 1952 graduate of Kansas University with a degree in physical therapy. Before taking the Colorado training position he served as a physical-therapist at the Washington State Rehabilitation Center in Seattle. Rockwell was also an assistant trainer at Kansas during his undergraduate days and was head trainer for the Bremerton, Wash. professional baseball team.

In addition to his training duties at Colorado, he is an instructor in the physical education department and is working toward a master's degree in physical education.

**Cadle, Jim**—Forward, 6-4, 180, 20, Newton, Kansas junior . . . played on the B squad last year . . . good shooter who led B squad in scoring last year . . . still needs to improve defensively and must increase speed and jumping ability . . . played under Coach John Ravenscroft at Newton high school and was member of Kansas state champions as senior in 1952 . . . journalism major . . . son of Dr. J. L. Cadle, dentist, now of Leavenworth, Kans.

**Coffman, Mel**—Forward, 6-3, 190, 24, Ponca City, Oklahoma senior . . . has been a regular past two seasons on championship teams . . . fifth best scorer on team last year with 138 points and 5.8 average . . . good jump shooter . . . tough rebounder . . . can move back to guard in emergency . . . married . . . played prep ball at St. Mary's high of Ponca City on team coached by his father, C. M. Coffman, now a Ponca City oil company employee . . . journalism major.

**Gingrich, Joe**—Forward, 6-1, 180, 19, Wakefield, Kansas sophomore . . . one of better frosh last year . . . strong rebounder . . . good jumper . . . fair outside shooter but must improve accuracy . . . earned 11 letters in football, basketball and track at Wakefield high school . . . basketball coach was Leroy Dawson . . . chemistry major . . . son of Anna E. Male of Wakefield.

**Hannah, George**—Center, 6-7, 205, 21, Lake Forest, Illinois senior . . . lettered for last two years as understudy to Burdette Haldorson and was an excellent relief man when called upon . . . strong rebounder . . . good jump shooter . . . should be a fine center . . . scored only 57 points last year as Haldorson played most of the time . . . played prep ball at Lake Forest under Coach Art Serfling . . . business major . . . son of George G. Hannah, Lake Forest commercial engineer.

**Helzer, Bob**—Forward, 6-2, 185, 20, Denver junior . . . an excellent prospect who didn't see much action last year in a substitute role behind a championship five . . . should play an important role this season . . . good rebounder and has a good collection of shots . . . will make a strong bid for a starting job . . . was a regular on the Denver South high Class AA prep championship team in 1953 under Coach Bob Wilson . . . business major . . . son of L. J. Helzer, Denver insurance adjuster.

**Jochems, Jim**—Center, 6-7, 190, 20, Denver sophomore . . . pronounce it "Yokums" . . . a topflight center prospect who figures to give Hannah a spirited battle for the regular job . . . a good shooter who hooks well . . . must improve strength beneath boards . . . all-state center at Denver South high in 1953 under coach Bob Wilson . . . pharmacy major . . . son of W. F. Jochems, Denver drug salesman.

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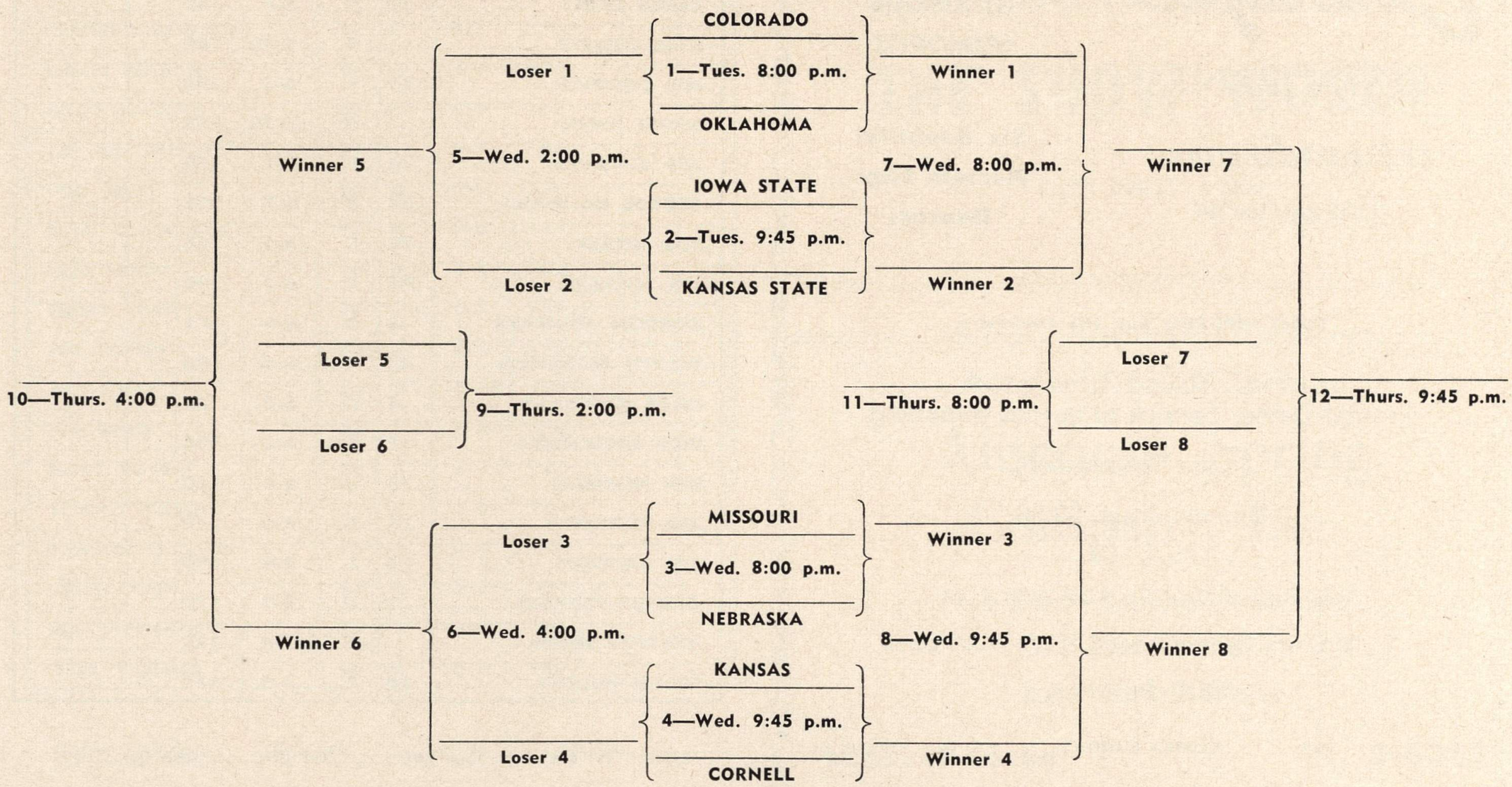


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**COACH H. B. (BEBE) LEE**

| PLAYER | NO. | POS. | HT. | WT. | G. | F-T. | F. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES CADLE | 20 | F | 6-4 | 180 | | | |
| GALE CHRISTY | | G | 5-10 | 160 | | | |
| MEL COFFMAN | 21 | F | 6-3 | 190 | | | |
| BERNIE DUNN | | G | 5-10 | 165 | | | |
| JOE GINGRICH | 14 | F | 6-1 | 180 | | | |
| GEORGE HANNAH | 30 | C | 6-7 | 205 | | | |
| BOB HELZER | 23 | F | 6-2 | 185 | | | |
| JIM JOCHEMS | 22 | C | 6-7 | 190 | | | |
| GORDON JOHNSON | 5 | G | 6-1 | 175 | | | |
| WAYNE MANSFIELD | 15 | G | 6-4 | 190 | | | |
| DAVE MOWBRAY | 4 | G | 6-1 | 165 | | | |
| DICK NICHOLSON | 11 | F | 6-3 | 180 | | | |
| KEN NORMAN | 10 | G | 6-2 | 180 | | | |
| BILL PETERSON | 12 | G | 6-0 | 170 | | | |
| JIM RANGLOS | 25 | F | 6-4 | 190 | | | |
| GEORGE REDHAIR | 3 | G | 6-2 | 170 | | | |
| MERWYN SMITH | | C | 6-4 | 180 | | | |
| FRANK WILCOX | 24 | C | 7-0 | 185 | | | |

**Score:** 1st Qtr._____ 2nd Qtr._____ 3rd Qtr._____ 4th Qtr._____

**TOTAL**_____

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**BRUCE DRAKE, Coach**

| PLAYER | NO. | POS. | HT. | WT. | G. | F-T. | F. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ED ABBEY | 20 | F-G | 6-4 | 170 | | | |
| LANNIE ANDERSON | 22 | F | 6-3 | 160 | | | |
| LeROY BACHER | 23 | C | 6-5 | 215 | | | |
| GARY BALDING | 24 | G | 6-0 | 165 | | | |
| JAP BLANKENSHIP | 44 | F | 6-2 | 165 | | | |
| BOB BURR | 52 | G | 6-0 | 170 | | | |
| MAX CLAIBORNE | 42 | G | 6-0 | 175 | | | |
| FRED HOOD | 50 | F | 6-4 | 200 | | | |
| LARRY IVAN | 25 | F-G | 6-3 | 175 | | | |
| JOE JONES | 30 | G | 6-1 | 170 | | | |
| ART KELL | 43 | G | 5-10 | 170 | | | |
| JOE KING | 32 | F-C | 6-6 | 190 | | | |
| GARY LOVETT | 33 | G | 6-1 | 185 | | | |
| TOMMY MASON | | F | 6-2 | 190 | | | |
| CHARLES McCLURE | 45 | G | 6-0 | 170 | | | |
| JIMMY PECK | 34 | G | 5-9 | 155 | | | |
| BILL PINKERTON | 35 | F | 6-4 | 170 | | | |
| GENE WHEELER | 40 | C | 6-4 | 180 | | | |

Score: 1st Qtr._____ 2nd Qtr._____ 3rd Qtr._____ 4th Qtr._____

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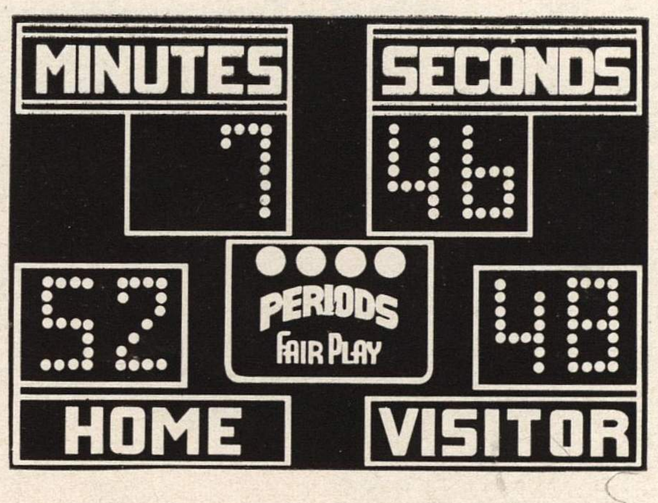

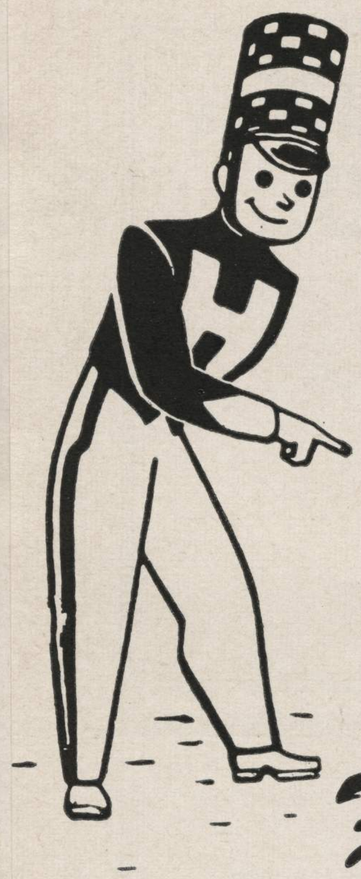

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Last year, it appeared as if the Huskers, hampered by a lack of height and the loss, by graduation, of several top-flight performers, would be in for a long cold winter. This seemed particularly true after the loss of all three games they played in the Big Seven Pre-Season Basketball Tournament at Kansas City. The big loss then was an 89-47 pasting at the hands of Colorado, a team the Huskers came back to beat, 84-77, later in the season during conference play.

The Huskers, under Bush's guidance, continued to improve after the disastrous tournament and finally surprised by gaining a third-place tie in the Big Seven Conference.

Before coming here, Bush, 41, was head coach at the University of Toledo, where he began coaching in 1947. While there his teams won 129 games, lost 59, and in 1954 his Toledo team won the Mid-American Conference Championship, losing to Penn State in the NCAA Championships.

Bush was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1914, graduating from Erasmus High School there. A Methodist, he attended St. John's College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1938.

He played three years of varsity basketball and baseball there. He was named All-American in 1937 and 1938, All-Madison Square Garden tournament player in 1936-'37-'38 and All-Metropolitan during the same period.

He later played professional basketball with the Kate Smith Celtics, 1938; Akron Firestones, 1939-'40-'41; Rochester Royals, 1942; Fort Wayne Zollners, 1943-'44-'45-'46-'47. He won All-American Professional team honors five years and was selected as one of the 10 best all-time all-professional players at that time.

Bush, a big man from any angle at 6-4 and weighing 225, is married and the father of three daughters. He is a long ball hitter in golf and was recently named golf coach at Nebraska.

**IOWA STATE COLLEGE**

**BILL STRANNIGAN, Coach**

| PLAYER | NO. | POS. | HT. | WT. | G. | F-T. | F. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GARY THOMPSON | 20 | G | 5-10 | 160 | | | |
| LARRY SWANSON | 21 | G | 5-11 | 160 | | | |
| ARNIE GAARDE | 22 | G | 5-10 | 155 | | | |
| DICK FARWELL | 23 | G | 6-1 | 167 | | | |
| JACK PETERSON | 24 | F | 6-2 | 170 | | | |
| BUD BERGMAN | 25 | F | 6-3 | 190 | | | |
| DON MEDSKER | 30 | C | 6-8 | 190 | | | |
| DAVE YOUNG | 31 | F | 6-2 | 180 | | | |
| JERRY SANDBULTE | 32 | F | 6-0 | 185 | | | |
| AL LOWERY | 33 | G | 5-11 | 148 | | | |
| LYLE FRAHM | 34 | G | 6-1 | 161 | | | |
| BILL MEYER | 35 | F | 6-4 | 185 | | | |
| JOHN CRAWFORD | 40 | F | 6-5 | 185 | | | |
| CHUCK VOGT | 41 | F | 6-5 | 192 | | | |
| BILL DALE | 42 | C | 6-5 | 210 | | | |
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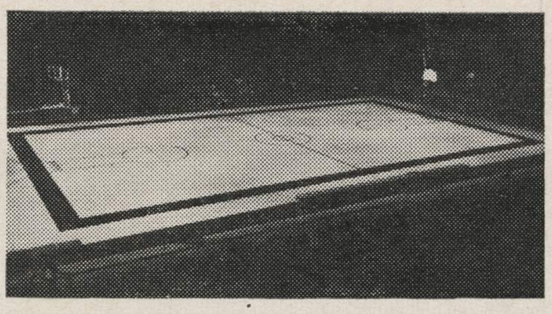

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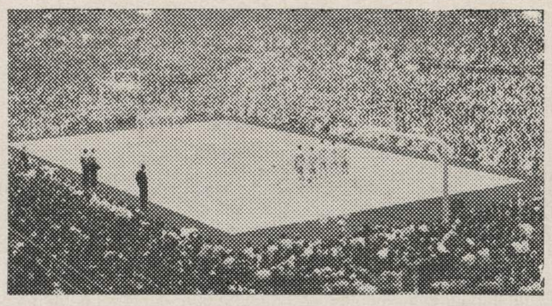

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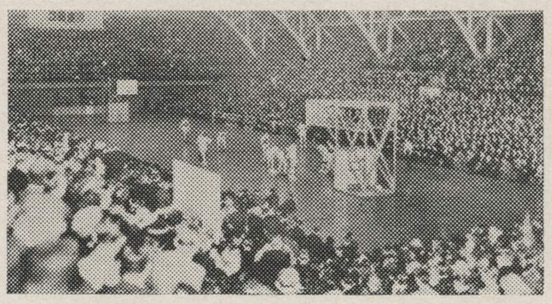

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## KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

**TEX WINTER, Coach**

| PLAYER | NO. | POS. | HT. | WT. | G. | F-T. | F. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GENE WILSON | 3 | G-F | 5-11 | | | | |
| DON McQUILLAN | 4 | G | 6-0 | | | | |
| JACK KIDDOO | 5 | G | 6-0 | | | | |
| ROY DeWITZ | 11 | F-G | 6-2 | | | | |
| EDDIE WALLACE | 13 | G | 5-9 | | | | |
| DICK STONE | 20 | F | 6-3 | | | | |
| HAYDEN ABBOTT | 21 | F | 6-3 | | | | |
| FRITZ SCHNEIDER | 23 | G | 6-3 | | | | |
| PACHIN VINCENS | 24 | G | 5-8 | | | | |
| LARRY FISCHER | 25 | F | 6-4 | | | | |
| BOB JEDWABNY | 30 | F | 6-5 | | | | |
| WAYNE HUTCHINS | 31 | G | 6-6 | | | | |
| JOE POWELL | 32 | F-C | 6-7 | | | | |
| JACK PARR | 33 | C | 6-9 | | | | |
| DEAN PLAGGE | 34 | F | 6-3 | | | | |
| HENRY PIERCE | 35 | F | 6-4 | | | | |
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Winter was head basketball mentor at Marquette University in Milwaukee for two seasons before coming to K-State. Regarded as one of the most successful young coaches in present-day basketball, the 31-year-old Winter gave Marquette its best cage year since 1945-46 by winning 13 of 24 games last year. In his first season at Marquette 1951-52, Winter won 12 and lost 14, finishing strong to win the National Catholic Invitational tournament at Troy, New York.

Tex was assistant basketball coach at K-State from the 1947-48 through the 1950-51 seasons when the Wildcat teams won two Big Seven championships, tied for another, and finished third once. During Winter's final season as assistant coach at K-State the Wildcats went to the finals of the NCAA tournament, losing to Kentucky 65-55.

As a player, Winter starred under Sam Barry at USC, where as a key member of the 1947 quintet Tex was given the "most inspirational athlete" award. Winter started his college career at Compton, Calif., Junior College. He played one year at Oregon State before going into the Navy where he played for air station teams at Marquette, Iowa Pre-flight, and Corpus Christi. During the 1945-46 season he performed for Los Angeles Carroll Shamrocks of the AAU. The young coach was also a track star, rating as one of the nation's top pole vaulters while at USC. He owned a vault of 14-2½ which earned him the Pacific Coast conference title and the national AAU junior crown.

Winter is married to the former Nancy Chase Bohnenkamp of LaGrande, Ore. They have three sons, Russell Frederick, 4, Christopher Chase, 2, and Brian, 1.

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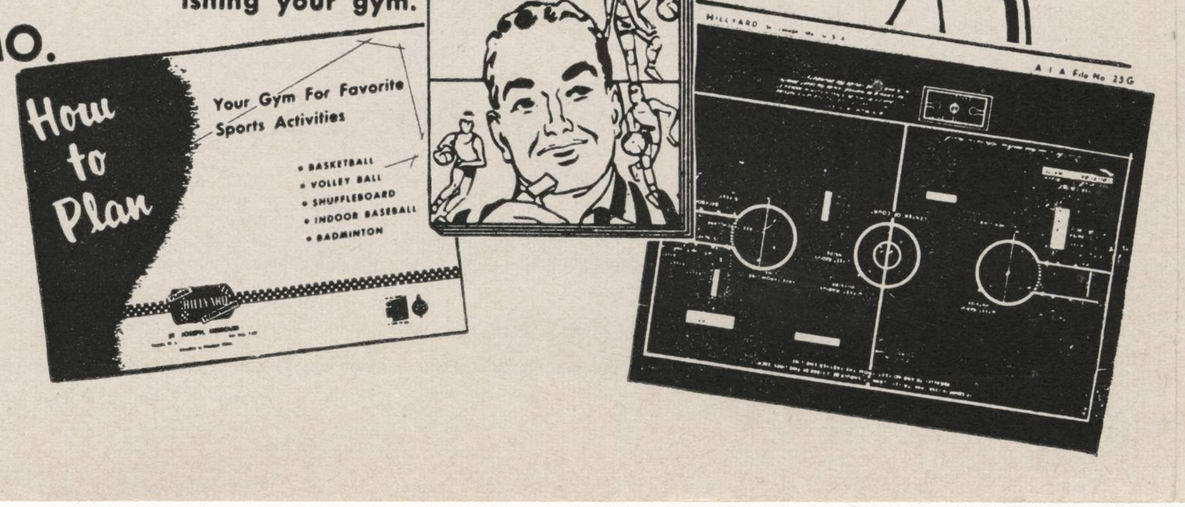


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**Second row: John Crawford, Chuck Vogt, Don Medsker, Jim Sinning, Leroy Whiteside, Bill Dale, Bill Meyer.**

**Back row: Jerry Sandbulte, Ron Hain, Dave Young, Bud Bergman, Jack Peterson, Dick Farwell, Larry Swanson, Noel BreDahl, manager.**

## CYCLONE CLIPS

Starting second year under defense-minded Bill Strannigan . . . who had top offensive club in Cyclone history last year . . . but would rather have the best defense . . . will depend largely on sophomores for all-around squad strength . . . and will start three first year men in most any combination . . . top performer is almost certain to be Gary Thompson . . . the fabulous Roland Rocket . . . 3-time all-state choice . . . one time holder of all career and 1-season high school records in Iowa . . . first sophomore to go over 300 points for Cyclones . . . will run the club as quarterback . . . Chuck Vogt was the other half of the fine sophomore punch of the 1955 team . . . fine rebounder . . . good shooter . . . John Crawford is first Negro to play basketball for Cyclones . . . the Human Pogo Stick . . . great rebounder . . . fine defensive player . . . extremely quick hands . . . Don Medsker at center most improved man on squad . . . good battler for rebounds . . . could be a fine defensive center . . . Lyle Frahm is brother of Stan, who played last three years . . . terrific defensive player . . . good clutch scorer . . . that ought to be the starting five . . . Jerry Sandbulte is only lettered reserve . . . played guard two years for Nebraska . . . one for Iowa State . . . moved to forward this year for his rebounding . . . but will be used at both ends of the court . . . steady handy man . . . Bud Bergman sophomore forward with drive and desire . . . Jack Peterson is junior forward who has been coming in good style this year . . . good shooter . . . Bill Meyer, a big, fast forward . . . sprinter and weight man in track . . . good shooter, rebounder . . . Dave Young, another of the long line of Ottumwans on Cyclone squad . . . can play either end of court . . . Bill Dale, rugged senior reserve at center . . . Larry Swanson, good shooting sophomore guard . . . Dick (The Whip) Farwell, another fine shooter with clutch ability . . . Al Lowery is a ball-ragger of the old school . . . Arnie Gaarde teams with Lowery, Thompson, Frahm, as ball worrier . . . in mainly when Cyclones have to get the ball . . . Bob Lamson, old Cyclone star, is assistant coach . . . Glen Anderson, who played for Srannigan and Bebe Lee at Colorado A&M, is new frosh coach.


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**Kneeling (l. to r.): Fred Wappel, Asst. Trainer, Paul Stehr, Dick Jensen, Kent Henson and Truman Blackman.**

**Second row: Eddie Richards, Bill Ross, Eddie Ronsick, Chuck Denny, Norm Stewart, Lionel Smith and Redford Reichert.**

**Standing: Coach W. N. "Sparky" Stalcup, Jim Cotter, Larry Luecke, Rodger Egelhoff, Gene Rooney, Arnold Kaestner, John Stephens, Jon Paden, Jim Prewitt, Asst. Coach Gerald Hedgepeth and Trainer O. J. DeVictor.**

## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI THUMBNAILS

**Cotter, James**—No. 41—6 ft. 181-pound sophomore from Fostoria, Ohio . . . aggressive and quick, with a dependable jump-shot . . . could help this year . . . born at Fostoria on Sept. 11, 1935 . . . his mother now resides in Boonville . . . high-school coach—Art Wilson.

**Denny, Charles**—No. 31—6 ft. 5½ 223-pound senior from Fayette . . . two-year letterman is top center candidate, with Bob Reiter gone . . . rugged competitor under the hoop . . . stout rebounder . . . has developed good hook shot, but is not expected to maintain Reiter's 19-point average . . . could be real asset this year if he curbs tendency to over-foul . . . was all-state pick . . . is Law School student . . . born December 1, 1934 . . . high-school coach—Robert Sears.

**Egelhoff, Rodger**—No. 32—6 ft. 3, 189-pound sophomore from Jerseyville, Ill. . . . a top-flight rookie prospect . . . played center (post) position for under-sized yearling squad . . . a jump-shooter primarily . . . fine hustler, defender and rebounder . . . majoring in Floriculture in Ag School . . . born January 28, 1936 . . . high-school coach—George Havens.

**Henson, Byron**—No. 23—5 ft. 10½, 155-pound senior from Oran . . . a three-year squadman, handicapped mostly by small stature . . . smart, resourceful ball-player . . . outstanding student with a 3.6 (4.0 is perfect) scholastic average through junior year . . . members of Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary society . . . an Accounting major . . . born Feb. 25, 1934—high school coach—Gene Dawson.

**Jensen, Richard**—5 ft. 7½, 152-pound senior from Southwest high in Kansas City . . . squad's smallest operative . . . a hustling scrapper, clever ball-handler . . . dogged last year by bad knee, and early this season by an ankle sprain . . . a Marketing major . . . born September 28, 1934.

**Kaestner, Arnold**—No. 33—6 ft. 7, 192-pound junior from Cleveland high in St. Louis . . . soft hook-shooter has scoring potential, but needs to develop more consistency and defensive toughness . . . won provisional letter as sophomore . . . first in high-school graduating class . . . born Nov. 16, 1935 . . . high school coach—Earl Jansen.

**Paden, Jon**—No. 34—6 ft. 2, 177-pound sophomore from Wheaton . . . tough in around the hole, good basket-eye . . . needs more confidence to make real contribution this year . . . his father, Virgil Paden, lettered three years on KU's basketball team under Dr. F. C. Allen . . . his family originally from El Dorado, Kansas . . . majoring in Geology at Mizzou . . . born November 30, 1936 . . . high school coach—L. D. Clemons.

**Reichert, Redford**—No. 44—6 ft. 1, 180-pound senior from Calhoun . . . veteran lefty was regular last season—had a 7.8 point average per game . . . long-armed and quick, a good rebounder . . . hits oftenest on a southpaw push shot . . . can improve this year by correcting occasional ball-handling lapses . . . won all-state honors as prep . . . Physical Education major . . . born May 12, 1934 . . . high school coach—James Jageman.

**Richards, Eddie**—No. 21—6 ft. 1, 173-pound junior from West Plains . . . another left-hander, with a low-arching jump shot . . . reliable on defense . . . active and aggressive . . . made letter last year . . . was all-state two years in high school . . . born April 10, 1936 . . . high school coach—Jim Peters.

**Ronsick, Eddie**—No. 52—6 ft. 4, 194-pound junior from Washington . . . springy jump-shooter moves up to starting job this year, after lettering as a reserve . . . most effective with a soft jump-shot from around the keyhole, and also on tip-ins . . . has fine scoring potential . . . all-stater as prep . . . wears contact lens on the court . . . top-flight student with a 3.0 average . . . a Chemistry major . . . born May 14, 1935 . . . high school coach—Randy Pitts.

**Ross, William**—No. 42—6 ft. 2, 183-pound junior from Paseo high in Kansas City . . . close to starting berth at season's outset . . . has plenty of natural spring and hustle . . . once cleared 6-1 in high jump . . . getting better results this year with a modified jump shot . . . tireless battler . . . born May 23, 1935 . . . high school coach—Larry Bates.

**Smith, Lionel**—No. 25—6 ft. 2, 182-pound junior from Madison . . . cracked starting lineup as a rookie, averaged 10.2 points per game over season . . . should hike that figure considerably this winter . . . great hustler, quick hands and reflexes enable him to play a nagging front-line defense . . . owns fine variety of shots, drives often, but relies most on a medium-range push shot . . . won all-state laurels . . . a Marketing major . . . born Nov. 15, 1935 . . . high school coach—Lloyd Smith, his father.

**Stehr, Paul**—No. 24—5 ft. 11, 154-pound sophomore from Cape Girardeau Central . . . slender playmaker is regarded as fine varsity timbre . . . excellent shooter and driver, cool under fire . . . should move up as season progresses, and as he acquires more game experience . . . enrolled in Arts & Science school . . . born March 30, 1936 . . . high school coach—the late Lou Muegge.

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# KANSAS STATE

**Front row (l. to r.): Warren Bullock, Pachin Vicens, Don Matuszak, Don Richards, Jack Kiddoo, Eddie Wallace, Gene Wilson, student manager Bob Boyd.**

**Second row: Head Coach Tex Winter, Fritz Schneider, Hayden Abbott, Bill Laude, Dick Stone, Dean Plagge, Roy DeWitz, Assistant Coach Howie Shannon.**

**Third row: Larry Fischer, Bob Jedwabny, Joe Powell, Jack Parr, Wayne Hutchins, Charles Hollinger, Henry Pierce.**

## KANSAS STATE COLLEGE THUMBNAILS

**Abbott, Hayden**—No. 21 . . . steadily improving sophomore forward . . . 6-3½, 19 . . . lettered two seasons in the cage sport at Olathe High School and was among state's best as a junior, but was sidelined his senior year with a back injury . . . also earned high school letters in track and cross country . . . has an excellent set of hands and is quick . . . rugged too . . . listed as among best competitors of Wildcat sophomores . . . scored 15 points in last season's frosh-varsity match to rate as second leading freshman scorer . . . majors in social science . . . son of Dr. C. A. Abbott of Olathe.

**DeWitz, Roy**—No. 11 . . . Slender sophomore who was former three-sport star at Barrington (Ill.) High school where he captained football, basketball, and baseball teams . . . 6-2, 19 . . . plays either forward or guard . . . does everything well . . . is good outside shot . . . plays defense well . . . hard-working, probably has more desire to play basketball than any other 'Cat sophomore . . . was 5-11, 145 pounds as high school senior, but made all-conference quarterback, infielder, and forward . . . majors in physical education with plans to coach . . . son of Paul DeWitz of Barrington.

**Kiddo, Jack**—No. 5 . . . Dependable 6-0 junior who moves well at either forward or guard . . . in minor action last season . . . was hampered by bone chip in his ankle . . . following late-season operation he came fast . . . should be bucking for starting job before season is over . . . was all-state cager in 1953 at Coffeyville High School . . . majors in business administration . . . son of the late Dr. Clyde Kiddo of Coffeyville.

**Schneider, Fritz**—No. 23 . . . High-speed fake and drive expert who keeps defenders busy from any angle . . . 6-3 letterman guard . . . played in all 21 games last season, ending as a starter . . . hit 35 percent of his field goal attempts last season and made 65 percent of his free throws to average 5.4 points per game . . . outstanding defensive man, ballhandler and shooter . . . favorite shot is hard-driving layup, but is capable from long range . . . hails from Crystal Lake, Ill., where he starred on conference championship high school team three years running . . . figures as a starter this season . . . majors in physical education with plans to coach . . . son of Fred Schneider of Crystal Lake.

**Hutchins, Wayne**—No. 31 . . . Heftiest cager in Wildcat history at 6-6, 230 pounds . . . but as agile and fast as any squad members . . . bears down on driving layups like a revved-up tank . . . rebounds well . . . can hook with either hand off the pivot . . . lettered in both football and basketball at Winfield High school where he was coached by Joe Thornton, former K-State cager . . . among most promising sophomores . . . could draw starting nod part of the time . . . majors in business administration . . . son of Ray Hutchins of Oxford.

**Parr, Jack**—No. 33 . . . At 6-9 the tallest center in Kansas State basketball history . . . can stand and reach highest of all . . . Coach Winter sees the big sophomore as having everything it takes to become great, needing only experience . . . has good timing, a pair of springy legs that can send him 'way up on the boards . . . excellent shot . . . needs to be more aggressive . . . from Richmond, Va., where he lettered three seasons in basketball . . . was team captain his senior year . . . has ambition for improving . . . worked on his own through last summer to perfect his post play . . . 19 years old, 200 pounds . . . has dibs on starting center role for the Wildcats . . . is a good student in pre-med with plans for career in medicine . . . son of J. M. Parr of Richmond.

**Fischer, Larry**—No. 25 . . . Another husky sophomore with great promise . . . 6-4 forward who was all-state cager and gridder at Pratt High School and member of 1954 national high school All-Star grid team . . . earned 11 high school letters in basketball, football, and track . . . captained all three sports . . . has good speed for a big man . . . can fake and drive well . . . rugged rebounder with hustle that goes with it . . . hits well from outside . . . good bet for starting role this season . . . majors in accounting . . . son of Albert Fischer of Pratt.

**Powell, Joe**—No. 32 . . . Only tall man among the five Wildcat lettermen returning from last season . . . 6-7 senior forward who saw action in 13 games in 1954-55 . . . was starter for three games in early season before illness sidelined him . . . Joe has top explosive power which allows him to go high on the boards for rebounds . . . doubles in track where he owns two "K's" in the high jump . . . could add important height to Wildcat front line . . . majors in physical education . . . son of John Powell of Emporia.

**Richards, Don**—No. 15 . . . Slim, 160-pound sophomore who may be best Wildcat jump shooter . . . bespectacled guard with plenty of speed and quickness . . . needs polish on playmaking . . . 6-1, 19 . . . has basketball (2) and track (3) letters from Mt. Vernon (Ill.) High school, Illinois state champs in 1954 . . . was 12-foot polevaulter as a high school junior . . . can go high for rebounds and to get off his jumping one-hander . . . is married . . . studies geology . . . son of William Richards of Bonnie, Ill.

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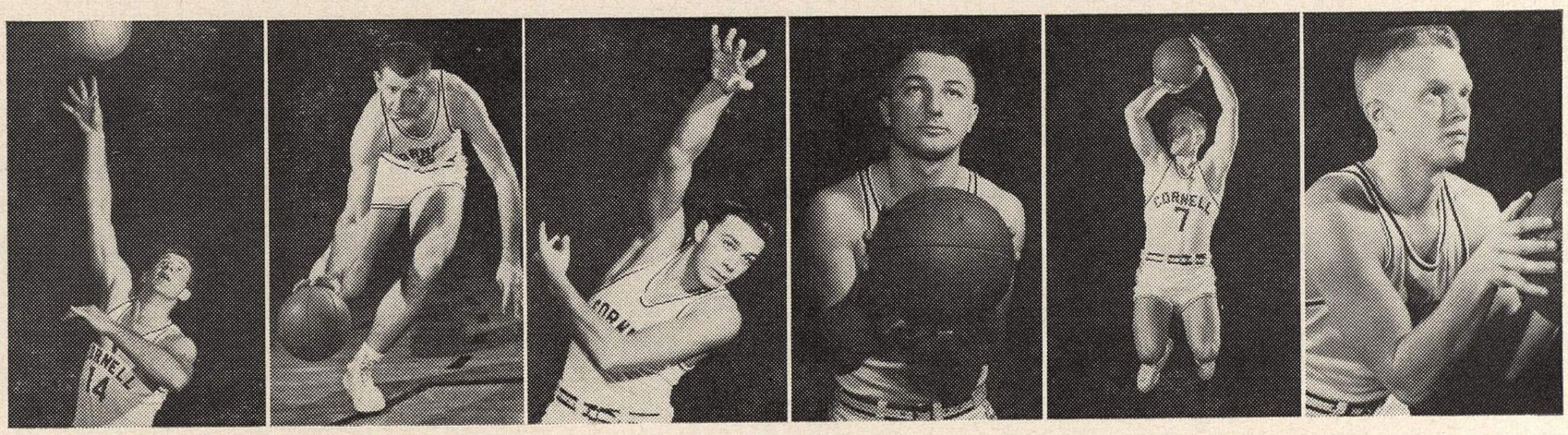
# *UNIVERSITY OF CORNELL*



**Above, left to right:**
**RAY ZELEK, c; HARLAND CALKIN, f; MILTON KOGAN, f;**
**DICK MEADE, Co-Capt., g; CHUCK ROLLES, Co-Capt., g.**

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY THUMBNAILS

**Meade, Dick, Co-Capt.**—5-11 senior from South River, N. J. . . . Starter last season after playing reserve role as sophomore . . . Set Ivy League record for total assists last year (73) for 5.8 average in 14 games. Had team's fourth scoring average with 8.0 . . . First Cornellian ever to win varsity football, basketball and baseball, accomplishing feat as sophomore . . . All-Ivy first team halfback in 1954 . . . shortstop on baseball team and winner of Eastern Intercollegiate League basestealing title last two seasons.

**Rolles, Chuck, Co-Capt.**—5-6 senior from Binghamton, N. Y. . . . Jump shot specialist . . . Team's second ranking scorer last two seasons, averaging 15.7 last winter and 12.5 as sophomore . . . Selected last season by coaches for All-Ivy League first team . . . Placed sixth in league scoring with 17.4 average, had league's fifth field goal percentage (.409), was fourth in assists (3.8 average) and third in foul shooting percentage (.759) . . . Scored 20 points or more in eight of 24 games . . . As sophomore was named to first United Press "Small America" team for players under 5-10. Holds Cornell freshman scoring records for single season (403 points for 21.2 average) and single game (44).

**Calkin, Harland**—6-5 sophomore from The Bronx, N. Y. . . . Leading scorer (17.4 average) and rebounder (12 average) on freshman team.

**Hornung, Carl**—5-11 sophomore from Skaneateles, N. Y. . . . Ranked second among freshman scorers with 13.1 average.

**Hughes, Don**—6-3 senior from Syracuse, N. Y. . . . Played briefly in nine games last season . . . Returned to University two years ago after leave of absence since 1950.

**Kogan, Milt**—6-4 junior from Camden, N. Y. . . . Kept out of 10 games last season because of knee injury . . . Played regularly in late season games and had 4.6 scoring average . . . Top scorer on 1953-54 freshman team with 17.3 average.

**Marriott, Phil**—6-3 sophomore from Mt. Vernon, N. Y. . . . Hampered by illness most of freshman season, playing briefly in 12 games.

**Mattes, Max**—6-4 senior from Newton Falls, O. . . . Returns to squad after year in Army . . . Key reserve on Ivy League championship club in 1953-54.

**Monroe, Phil**—6-3 junior from Delhi, N. Y. . . . Played briefly in six games last winter . . . Regular on freshman team.

**Pearson, Larry**—6-4 sophomore from Bellevue, Pa. . . . Placed third among freshman scorers with 12.7 average.

**Zelek, Ray**—6-5 senior from Ford City, Pa. . . . Regular last season . . . Missed last seven games a year ago because of ineligibility . . . Third in team scoring average with 9.1 and second in rebound average with 10.8 . . . As sophomore also placed third in scoring (10.1) and second in rebounds (10.5) . . . As freshman was runnerup to Chuck Rolles in scoring, averaging 20.7.

**Roberson, Irv**—6-1 sophomore from Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Averaged 8.2 points in eight games as freshman . . . Breakaway halfback and leading ground gainer on varsity football team with 6.1 yards average . . . Outstanding track prospect, having done 9.7 in hundred and 24 feet in broad jump.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## Head Coach Doyle Parrack

Doyle Parrack, Oklahoma City University cage coach the last eight years and himself a former Oklahoma Aggie cager developed by Hank Iba, is Oklahoma's new basketball mentor.

The 33-years old Parrack is the university's fifth basketball coach. David C. Hall of Brown university coached the first Sooner team in 1907-08. Then Bennie Owen of Kansas U. coached 13 years, from 1908-9 through 1920-21, followed by two Oklahoma men, Hugh McDermitt for 17 years, 1921-22 through 1937-38, and Bruce Drake for 17 years, from 1938-39 to the present.

Parrack was born December 6, 1921, in Cotton county, Oklahoma, on a farm near Randlett close to Red river. He had all his high schooling at the nearby Union Valley Consolidated school, graduating from Union Valley in 1939.

Parrack played two years for Coach Cy Wilson's Connors Agriculture College at Warner, Okla., then transferred to Oklahoma A&M where in 1941-42 and 1942-43 he played for Coach Hank Iba, graduating in 1943 with a B.S. in arts and sciences and joining the marine corps.

Upon his discharge from the marines, he played the last semester of the 1945 season of Iba's first national collegiate championship team at Oklahoma A&M, the Missouri Valley conference permitting graduates a fifth year of sports eligibilty then.

In 1947-48 he began coaching at Oklahoma City University where despite the handicap of not having a home court his Chiefs won 137 aand lost 81 games for .628 per cent and were invited the last four years in a row to play in the Western regional "at-large" bracket of the NCAA championships.

Although Parrack's Chiefs lost all four times, twice they were put out by the nation's No. 2 team, Kansas in 1953, Bradley in 1954. They divided two NCAA consolation games, defeating UCLA 55-53 at Corvallis, Ore., in 1955 and losing 58-56 to Texas Christian at Manhattan, Kansas, in 1953.

Twice Parrack's OCU teams won the All-College tournament, championships at Oklahoma City. In 1949 they cut down Baylor, Oklahoma A&M and Wyoming. In 1951 they defeated Tulane, Oklahoma A&M and Tulsa. Parrack-coached OCU teams have a 12-6 record in the All College.

The new Sooner coach has been noted for his development of obscure high school players. Among his stars at OCU were A. E. "Abe" Lemons '49 of Walters, his former assistant at OCU, Farrel Craig '51 of Enid, Don Penwell '52 of Oklahoma City, Andy Likens '53 of Dale and Arnold Short '54 of Weatherford who was a Helms Foundation All-American. None of them were big name players in high school.

Parrack is married and has a five-year-old daughter. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golf and livestock breeding. He raises Hereford cattle on his stock and hay farm located 12 miles south of Tecumseh, near St. Louis, Okla.

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## Head Coach Bill Strannigan

Bill Strannigan, head coach, became the ninth Iowa State basketball coach, May 3, 1954. Has had experience building up college basketball teams. Took Colorado A & M from last to Skyline conference title in four years. He follows Bebe Lee (Colorado coach) into Big Seven from Colorado A & M. Rated a fine defensive coach. Was born in Dalry, Scotland, Dec. 1, 1918. Came to Rock Springs, Wyo., at age of two. Graduated from high school there in 1937 with 11 letters in football, basketball, track. Attended Colorado, transferred to Wyoming where he earned 8 letters in football, basketball, baseball. Basketball captain. Three times all-conference, once All-American. Played two years in the Navy, coached two years in high school and four years in college. Has 60-56 college record. Was twice coach of the year in the Skyline conference. Played with Denver Nuggets AAU team after World War II. Married the former Mary Ellen Ball of Loveland, Colo., in 1941. Four children, Theo Ann, Susan, Martha, Matt.

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## Head Coach Wilbur (Sparky) Stalcup

Wilbur (Sparky) Stalcup begins his tenth campaign at Missouri this season . . . recognized as one of the game's top tutors of defensive tactics and ball-control basketball . . . has compiled a record of 275 wins, 141 losses in 20 years of headcoaching . . . in nine years at Missouri his teams have won 123 games, lost 85 . . . attended Northwest (Mo.) State College at Maryville, and played basketball there under Henry (Hank) Iba present coach and athletic director at Oklahoma A. & M. . . . was an all conference selection in both basketball and football, and lettered in track . . . after graduation in 1932, Stalcup took his first coaching job at Jackson, (Mo.) high . . . stayed one year, and then was hired as head coach at Maryville in 1933, replacing Iba who went to Colorado . . . spent 11 seasons at Maryville, winning two undisputed M.I.A.A. titles and tying for another . . . came to Missouri in 1946 as George Edward's successor . . . was State Chairman of the March of Dimes for three years . . . the 45 year-old popular after-dinner speaker is married and has one daughter Susan, 14.

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## Head Coach Royner C. Greene

Royner C. Greene, whose 1953-54 team brought the university its first Ivy League championship in 30 years, is in his tenth season as head basketball coach at Cornell.

Roy has spent his entire collegiate coaching career in Ithaca. After turning in a brilliant record at Middletown (Ohio) High School, he came to Cornell in 1945 as an assistant and worked with the junior varsity.

His nine Cornell varsity teams scored 134 victories against 87 defeats. The 1946-47, 1947-48 and 1950-51 teams placed second in the league, the 1950-51 club setting the Cornell record for total victories (20) and equalling the single season winning mark of nine .

The 1953-54 team, however, was the most successful Cornell record-breaker. The 12 league victories were two more than the previous high and both the 1825 total points and the game average of 70.2 topped former marks by a big margin.

Greene's scholastic record included six Greater Ohio titles and a 43-game winning streak in 1943-44-45.

His offense is based on a flexible double-pivot, with one man operating in a corner, and he is an advocate of tight defensive play. A precisionist, he puts heavy stress on fundamentals.

Greene is a 1929 graduate of the University of Illinois where he played both basketball and baseball. He is also coach of varsity baseball. His 1952 team won the Southern Division of the Eastern Intercollegiate League, tying with Brown for the league championship.

Cornell's prospects for a successful basketball season, according to Coach Roy Greene, are "fair, at best."

Four regulars return, along with a letterman from the 1953-54 season when the Big Red won its first Ivy League title in 30 years, but Greene believes the play of several sophomores will be the decisive factor.

The big problem is compensating for the loss of pivotman Jack Sheehy, Cornell's all-time single season record-holder who last winter averaged 20.5 points and 16 rebounds.

Lettermen returning up front are senior Ray Zelek (6-5) and junior Milt Kogan (6-4). Last season Zelek was ineligible for the last seven games and Kogan missed 10 contests while recovering from a first-game knee injury.

Another veteran up front is Max Mattes, a 6-4 senior who was a key reserve two years ago prior to Army service. He can also play in the backcourt.

The chief competitors for the two front court posts (Greene's system calls for one man in the pivot and another in a corner) are sophomores Larry Pearson (6-4) and Harland Calkin (6-5). Off his pre-season showing, Pearson should win the corner assignment.

Co-Captains Chuck Rolles (5-6) and Dick Meade (5-11) are returning back court starters. Both are adroit playmakers. Rolles has established himself as the spectacular player in Cornell history. A brilliant jump-shooter and ball-handler, the poker-faced redhead averaged 15.7 points last season (17.4 in 14 Ivy League games) and was named to the All-Ivy first team by the league coaches.

Sophomores who figure prominently in the back court setup are Irv Roberson (6-1), Phil Marriott (6-3) and Carl Horning (5-11). Roberson, a halfback and the top ground gainer on the varsity football team, is adept at rebounding. Senior Don Hughes and junior Phil Monroe, both 6-3, may also see action.

Greene expects the team to be aggressive, to display excellent back court speed and to have more reserve strength than his recent clubs. His biggest concern is developing front court players who can show both scoring and defensive proficiency.

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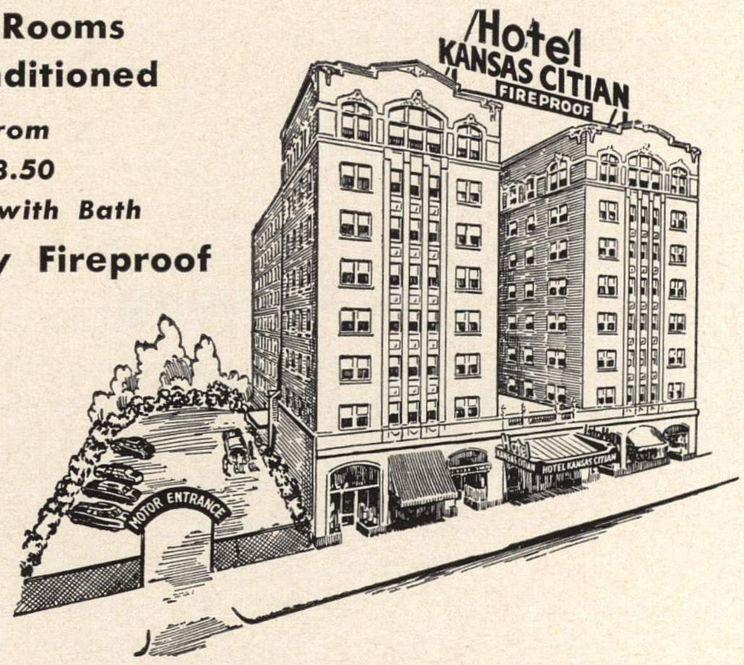


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**Dater, Eddie**—Comes in with reputation comparable to that of Harold Patterson, brawny forward on the championship clubs of 1953 and 1954 . . . Like Patterson, a graduate of Garden City Juco . . . Experienced gained in backcourt will be valuable seeking starting berth . . . Second-team Junior college All-American last year.

**Bobbs, Dallas**—Captain for 1955-56 and two-time All-Big Seven guard . . . Greatest backline scorer in Kansas history . . . His 270 points as sophomore regular with 1954 conference champions . . . Topped all rookies in league play that year with 15.2 average . . . Raised ceiling to 317 points as junior . . . Ranked 12th among conference pointsmiths with 159 . . . Injury kept him out of one league contest, the first meeting with Colorado . . . Has been starter since opening game of sophomore season . . . Deadly righ-hand shooter off set or jump . . . Scored 36 points in 78-68 win over Kansas State at Manhattan last year, most a Jayhawk player ever logged against the Wildcats . . . Great streak shooter who scored 36 points on K-State, 23 on Oklahoma A & M and 25 on Oklahoma within a week last February . . . Collected more than 20 points in three games as sophomore . . . Tied school record of 12 free throws against Kansas State at Manhattan last year . . . Maneuvers well to get off shots and will pump any time he's open . . . Notched shooting percentage of 42 from field as sophomore; 35 last season . . . Fine dribbler and adequate playmaker . . . Owns good speed and quickness . . . Genuine all-American candidate . . . His 587 points ranks him ninth among KU's all-time career scorers.

**Flannagan, John**—Scott City sophomore who carries some all-round potential . . . Must learn to relax under stress of game conditions to improve.

**Hollinger, Blaine**—Improved considerably over final three weeks of sophomore season, earning letter . . . Great speed and quickness . . . If he can minimize ball-handling errors and improve shooting technique, could be starter and fine backliner . . . An honor student in pre-med . . . Doubles as Broad-Jumper in track, leaping 24-6⅞ for third in 1955 Big Seven Outdoor meet.

**Johnston, Ron**—Earned letter at guard last year, but may be shifted to forward this season . . . Good rebounder and fierce competitor . . . Fair shooter and ball-handler . . . Normal improvement would lift him to Big Seven standards.

**Parker, John**—Part-time starter last season as sophomore, breaking into all 21 games . . . Tremendous battler . . . Hustling ballhawk and defender . . . Good dribbler . . . Owns all the tools to be fine backcourt player . . . Normal improvement would lift him to Big Seven caliber . . . Doubles as javelin thrower being consistent 200-footer as sophomore last year . . . Flung 203-6 for fourth place in 1955 Big Seven meet.

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## OKLAHOMA THUMBNAILS (Cont.)

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**Kell, Art**—Stocky, little sophomore guard who played his high school basketball at Friend Consolidated school near Chickasha, Okla. . . . 5-10, 175, 20 . . . Good speed . . . ball-handler . . . lettered four years in basketball at Friend high school under Coach Clint Hightower . . . also lettered in baseball . . . son of J. H. Kell, who farms near Chickasha.

**Blankenship, Jap**—junior squad man from Clinton, Okla. who played very little last year . . . left-hander . . . fire only once from the field all last season but hit it . . . made highest grades on squad last year with 3.22 grade point average (between A and B) . . . 20, 6-2, 165, majoring in geology . . . high school coach: Otis Delaporte . . . son of Roy F. Blankenship, Clinton school supplies salesman.

**McClure, Charles**—sophomore guard from Muncie, Ind. . . . good outside shot with two hands . . . lettered three years each in basketball, football and track at Royerton high school, Muncie, Ind. where his coach was Charles Posey . . . 20, 6-0, 170 . . . son of Oral McClure, farmer living near Muncie, Ind.

**Hood, Fred**—Springy-legged sophomore forward from Wheat Ridge high school, Denver, Colo. . . . plays end on Oklahoma's football squad . . . ran the 440 in 50 seconds flat in high school and could make letters in all three sports at Oklahoma . . . a big kid standing 6-4 tall and weighing 200 . . . because of his aggressiveness and his bounce, should make a good rebounder . . . majoring in physical education . . . was a four-sport standout performer at Denver Wheat Ridge where he played under Coach Melbourne Schwartz . . . son of Mrs. Maffie Mae Hood, Denver clerk.


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## COLORADO THUMBNAILS (Cont.)

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**Johnson, Gordie**—Guard, 6-1, 175, 20, Norfolk, Nebraska junior . . . good prospect . . . played on B squad last year until illness forced him to sit out the last half of the season . . . fast and aggressive . . . impresses everyone with his hustle and court know-how . . . must improve shooting but has the potential in this department . . . prepped at Norfolk high under Coach Don Evans, former Colorado athlete . . . business major with a B average . . . son of Mrs. E. D. Johnson of Norfolk.

**Mansfield, Mick**—Guard, 6-4, 190, 21, Sycamore, Illinois junior . . . a key member of the team . . . fine defensive man . . . good rebounder . . . must be a better scorer this year . . . effective in close but hasn't been accurate from outside . . .averaged only 1.8 in 23 games last year as a reverse . . . started against San Francisco in NCAA tourney opener . . . advertising major . . . son of Floyd Mansfield, Sycamore insurance man.

**Mowbray, Dave**—Guard, 6-1, 165, 20, Aurora, Illinois junior . . . was a pleasant surprise last year as he moved up quickly to a top guard reserve role . . . good shooter . . . moves quickly . . . should be a sound defensive man . . . his 43.3% shooting average last year was tops on team as he hit 13 of 30 attempts . . . due for a starting role this season . . . prepped at Aurora high under Coach Joe Axelson . . . business major . . . son of M. L. Mowbray, Aurora engineer.

**Norman, Ken**—Guard, 6-2, 180, 23, Decatur, Illinois sophomore . . . back in school after three years in army . . . was a very promising member of the Colorado freshman squad in 1952 . . . very good outside shooter . . . good dribbler . . . offense overshadows his defense considerably . . . earned three basketball letters at Decatur high under Coach Gay Kitner . . . physical education major . . . son of Ken Norman, Decatur business man.

**Peterson, Bill**—Guard, 6-0, 170, 21, Crystal Lake, Illinois senior . . . lettered last year in reserve role . . . played 39 minutes against Iowa in NCAA tourney consolation game and scored 10 points to play a big role in Colorado's 75-54 win . . . good shooter who likes to fire . . . shows signs of overcoming tenseness which handicapped him severely . . . could be an important squadmember this year . . . a real hustler . . . prepped under Coach Max Brady at Crystal Lake . . . business major . . . son of Milton Peterson, Crystal Lake telephone company employee.

**Ranglos, Jim**—Forward, 6-4, 190, 23, La Jolla, California senior . . . two-year letterman in reserve role . . . played an important role in Colorado's championship drives of the last two seasons with great late-season play . . . named to the NCAA all-tournament team at Kansas City last year when he scored 18 points to lead Buffaloes to 75-54 win over Iowa for third place in nation . . . strong rebounder . . . good shooter . . . can play center and did against San Francisco in NCAA opener . . . key man in Bebe Lee's plans this year . . . prepped at La Jolla under Coach I. S. Mac Laren . . . physical education major . . . son of Peter Ranglos, La Jolla business man.

**Redhair, George**—Guard, 6-2, 170, 20, Denver junior . . . played on B squad last year . . . fair shooter . . . good speed . . . great desire . . . a battler who may fight his way into contention . . . attended high school in Helena, Mont., where he played on state championship team under Lloyd Skor . . . business major . . . son of George T. Redhair, Denver telephone company employee.

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## KANSAS STATE THUMBNAILS (Cont.)

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**Stone, Dick**—No. 20 . . . Ranks as top outside shot on Wildcat squad . . . has quick one-handed flip from long range that is hard to guard . . . was third leading scorer for 'Cats in 1954-55 with 9.6 point average . . . received Wildcat "best shot" trophy last season for his 42 percent field goal accuracy and 86 percent mark in free throws . . . both were tops on 'Cat squad . . . a starter as a junior last year, Dick played in all 21 games . . . was second high rebounder averaging 7 grabs per game despite his slender 6-3 build . . . set his career high with 25 points against Oklahoma last year . . . shared 11 rebounds in that game, too . . . has speed and ballhandling to go with K-State style of play . . . majors in business administration . . . son of E. G. Stone of Winfield.

**Vicens, Pachin**—No. 24 . . . Proof that basketball is still a game of skill . . . little 5-9 guard who broke into Wildcat starting lineup midway of last season and became a standout . . . was second-leading K-State scorer with 10.8 point-per-game average through 20 games . . . missed one game with broken nose . . . was named on UP "Small Americans," nation's best little men . . . elected Puerto Rico's "Sportsman of the Year" for 1954 . . . made Look's district All-Stars . . . his brilliant ballhandling and steady floor play are chief assests . . . he hit 39 percent of his field goal attempts last season . . . 71 percent of his free throws . . . good student, too . . . studies business administration at K-State . . . home is Ciales, Puerto Rico, but attended high school in Ponce . . . son of Jose Vicens of Ciales.

**Wallace, Eddie**—No. 13 . . . A hurrying 5-9 junior guard loaded with hustle . . . played in 2 games last season . . . shows constant improvement . . . a quick and sure ballhandler, Eddie can fast break well . . . won 11 letters in four sports at Minneapolis High School . . . captained the basketball team there in 1953 when he was named all-conference . . . a mathematics major, he plans to teach . . . son of Harry Wallace of Minneapolis.

**Wilson, Gene**—No. 3 . . . A 5-11 senior who specializes in speed and jumping ability . . . was sidelined from 15 games with a broken thumb last season . . . averaged 4.1 points and 4 rebounds each through 6 games . . . can alternate at guard or forward . . . lettered as Wildcat sophomore in 1951-52, and after army duty returned to letter again last season . . . can jump 29 inches above his reach allowing him to "dunk" despite his size . . . excellent ballhandler at high speed . . . was Indiana's state high school broad jump champ and all-state cager at Anderson (Ind.) High School . . . Wilson is married . . . studies physical education . . . son of Mrs. Hazel Wilson of Anderson.

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## MISSOURI THUMBNAILS (Cont.)

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**Stephens, John**—No. 35—6 ft. 5½, 207-pound sophomore from Coffeyville, Kansas . . . returns to court after a year's layoff, following corrective back operation . . . goes into season as Tigers' No. 2 center . . . good rebounder and defensive pivot . . . needs dependable scoring shot in close . . . his shooting hampered by a maimed right hand, the result of a boyhood accident . . . was all-state in both basketball and football as Kansas prep star . . . Business major . . . born in Muskegon, Mich., on June 19, 1935 . . . high school coaches—Oren Stoner and Cliff Currier.

**Prewitt, James**—No. 51—6 ft. 1, 175-pound junior from Waynesville . . . squadman last year . . . good outside shot . . . was freshman regular . . . born Jan. 13, 1936 in California, Mo. . . . high school coach—Bill Wasson.

**Stewart, Norm**—No. 22—6 ft. 4, 199-pound senior from Shelbyville . . . sure to be rated as one of the greatest all-around cagers in M.U.'s basketball annals . . . averaged 16.7 as a junior, and carrying most of the offensive load this winter, should be a 20-point mainstay . . . topnotch ball-handler and rebounder . . . led team in shooting proficiency last year, hitting 46 per cent of his field goal tries, and 83 per cent of his free throws . . .great clutch-shooter, his single-game high is 26 points (achieved against Wisconson and Nebraska) . . . an all-conference pick in both basketball and baseball, he's a good bet—the scouts say—to make it with the pros in either, or both, sports . . . led Tiger pitchers last spring with a remarkable .063 ERA . . . all-state choice as a prep cager . . . born January 20, 1935 . . . a Physical Education major . . . high school coach—C. J. Kessler.

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**Big Seven Tournament Scoreboard. (Through Games of Dec. 17.)**

| | W. | L. | Pct. | Pts. | Op. Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Iowa State | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 220 | 162 |
| Kansas | 3 | 1 | .750 | 282 | 272 |
| Cornell | 3 | 1 | .750 | 296 | 295 |
| Colorado | 3 | 2 | .600 | 297 | 313 |
| Kansas State | 3 | 2 | .600 | 391 | 371 |
| Missouri | 3 | 2 | .600 | 375 | 322 |
| Nebraska | 2 | 3 | .400 | 308 | 336 |
| Oklahoma | 2 | 3 | .400 | 339 | 322 |

**SCORES AND PRE-TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES.**

**IOWA STATE.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 86 N. Dakota St. | 60 |
| 72 Texas Tech. | 52 |
| 62 Tulsa | 50 |
| Dec. 21 Denver at Denver. | |
| Dec. 23 Vanderbilt at Ames. | |

**CORNELL.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 83 Buffalo | 73 |
| 82 Colgate | 76 |
| 59 Harvard | 81 |
| 72 Brown | 65 |
| Dec. 23 Washington at St. Louis. | |

**KANSAS STATE.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 89 Texas Tech. | 70 |
| 72 Indiana | 96 |
| 64 Drake | 70 |
| 92 Loyola of L.A. | 66 |
| 74 Washington | 69 |
| Dec. 21 Houston at Houston. | |

**NEBRASKA.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 51 Iowa | 62 |
| 69 Texas Tech. | 63 |
| 71 Michigan | 77 |
| 46 Wichita | 71 |
| 71 U. C. L. A. | 65 |
| Dec. 21 Vanderbilt at Lincoln | |

**KANSAS.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 91 Northwestern | 70 |
| 56 Wichita | 55 |
| 74 Wisconsin | 66 |
| 61 S. M. U. | 81 |
| Dec. 21 S. M. U. at Lawrence. | |

**COLORADO.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 63 Oregon State | 53 |
| 68 Oregon | 49 |
| 60 Iowa | 57 |
| 53 B. Y. U. | 70 |
| 53 B. Y. U. | 84 |
| Dec. 22 Colorado A. & M. at Ft. Collins. | |

**MISSOURI.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 71 South Dakota | 46 |
| 58 Purdue | 62 |
| 92 Texas Tech | 60 |
| 74 Illinois | 73 |
| 78 Indiana | 81 |
| Dec. 19 Idaho at Columbia. | |

**OKLAHOMA.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 65 Baylor | 55 |
| 47 Rice | 62 |
| 69 Vanderbilt | 78 |
| 89 Ohio State | 68 |
| 69 Arkansas | 59 |
| Dec. 20 Okla. A. & M. at Norman. | |
| Dec. 23 Illinois at Urbana. | |

With a week remaining before Big Seven teams tip-off their tenth annual tournament Tuesday night in Municipal auditorium, Missouri has moved into the status of meet favorite.

The Tigers' 3-2 record on the above scoreboard is misleading. Only seven points separate them from a perfect 5-0 level. And the defeats were to Big Ten powers, Purdue and Indiana. The Boilermakers scored a 62-58 victory in Lafayette; the Hoosiers an 81-78 conquest Saturday night in Columbia. The Bengals edged another ranking Western conference club, Illinois, 74-73, December 10 in Columbia. Their other victims included South Dakota (71-46), and Texas Tech, (92-60).

Play Some Rugged Foes

Play Some Rugged Foes.

The point is that the defending tourney champions, are only a few rimmers away from an unblemished slate against the second-stiffest slate being played by any league team. Only Colorado can show a more rigid early card against the likes of Iowa, defending Big Ten champion; Oregon State defending P. C. C. King, and B. Y. U., 8th-ranked in the latest A. P. poll. Five of six pre-tourney starts are on the road.

**With conference members, plus this year's guest team, Cornell, scheduled for thirteen more games before Tuesday, this picture could change. But the Tigers, with Guard Norm Stewart leading pre-tourney scorers on a 25.5 average and Chuck Denny playing better than expected at center, command the most respect at this writing.**

If they maintain that edge another week they will be facing not only what is taking shape as the best-balanced field in meet history, but a high precedent hurdle as well. No defending champion ever has repeated. Fact is, only one repeat-seeker has reached the finals the year following its title haul. Kansas lost an 87-93 verdict to Kansas State in 1952, following a conquest in '51 by its N. C. A. A. champions.

Missouri whaled Kansas State, 89-71, in last year's championship round to bag its first crown since 1949. It rolled over Nebraska, 75-58, in the opening round, and throttled Oklahoma's Nimble Nubbins, 95-87, in the semifinal. The Stalcups came into last year's auditorium fixture with a 4-2 log, which included wins over Iowa, Indiana, and Wisconsin. They were favored for the title and played smoothly to that pattern all the way. Two regulars, Center Bob Reiter and Forward Med Park are gone from that club.

**Play the Huskers First.**

M. U. again has drawn Nebraska as a first round foe, leading off the second night of play at 7:30 Wednesday. Kansas and Cornell play the nightcap.

B. Y. U. tore considerable gloss off Colorado, the league's early surprise, with a fearsome double flogging, at Provo, 70-53, and 84-53, over the week end. The defending conference cham-

pions were fresh from a 60-57 conquest of Iowa and carried a 3-0 level into the Utah highlands.

**Kansas also lost its perfect slate in an 81-61 drubbing at the hands of S. M. U. at Dallas. These three games left Iowa State as the conference's only unbesmirched ensemble. The Cyclones could come in that way too since they figure to dispose of Colorado A. and M. and Denver on a western swing this week and handle Vanderbilt at Ames December 23 in their final pre-meet test.**

These three games plus K. U.'s matches with Rice Monday in Houston and return against S. M. U. Wednesday in Lawrence, are the remaining big ones before tournament time.

TOP FIFTEEN PRE-TOURNAMENT SCORING LEADERS.

| NAME | TEAM | G | FG | FT-FTA | Av. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stewart, g, | M. U..... | 5 | 48 | 31-39 | 25.5 |
| Rolles, g, | C. U..... | 3 | 26 | 14-19 | 22.0 |
| Smith, f, | N. U..... | 5 | 29 | 33-49 | 18.2 |
| Thompson, g, | I. S..... | 3 | 16 | 22-33 | 18.0 |
| Parr, c, | K. S..... | 5 | 34 | 16-30 | 16.8 |
| Bacher, c, | O. U..... | 5 | 30 | 22-32 | 16.4 |
| Dobbs, g, | K. U..... | 4 | 23 | 16-21 | 15.5 |
| Medsker, c, | I. S. U..... | 3 | 19 | 8-11 | 15.3 |
| Ranglos, f, | C. U..... | 5 | 24 | 26-37 | 14.8 |
| Vogt, f, | I. S..... | 3 | 14 | 16-19 | 14.7 |
| *Ekwall, c, | N. U..... | 3 | 11 | 20-27 | 14.0 |
| Zelek, c, | C. U..... | 3 | 13 | 16-20 | 14.0 |
| Peck, g, | O. U..... | 5 | 27 | 13-17 | 13.4 |
| King, f, | O. U..... | 5 | 19 | 25-34 | 12.6 |
| Denny, c, | M. U..... | 5 | 23 | 16-28 | 12.4 |

*Missed two games because of illness.

# Norm Stewart Puts Zip Into Tiger Cage Team

TIGER SCOREBOARD.

Record to date—71 South Dakota 46; 58 Purdue 62; 92 Texas Tech 60; 74 Illinois 73; 78 Indiana 81; 81 Idaho 57. Won four lost two.

Returning lettermen—(7) Eddie Richards, guard; Norm Stewart, guard; Lionel Smith, guard; Chuck Denny, center; Bill Ross, forward; Red Reichert, forward; Eddie Ronsick, forward.

1955 Big Seven finish—Second, 9-3; all games: 16-5.

Previous tournament finishes—1946, seventh; 1947, sixth; 1948, sixth; 1949, first; 1950, seventh; 1951, second; 1952, third; 1953 third; 1954, first. Won seventeen, lost ten, .630.

Remaining pre-tournament games—None.

First round opponent — Nebraska, 7:30 o'clock Wednesday.

A BIG, blond scoring demon named Norm Stewart has made Missouri the Big Seven bellcow as the Tigers head into defense of their Big Seven tournament championship next Wednesday night at Municipal Auditorium.

With Stewart rocketing along at a 26.2 average through M. U.'s first six games, Sparky Stalcup's gang has been more impressive than any tournament team. Its record won't lift any eyebrows at 4-2, but consider these facts. . . . (1) Only seven points separate Missouri from a perfect 6-0 figure, and (2) Its average margin of victory, 12.5, would have ranked as high as tenth among the nation's college teams last year.

**Lose to Big 10 Teams.**

Lone losses have been to Indiana, eighteenth ranked in the latest Associated Press poll, 78-81, in Columbia, and to Purdue, 58-62, in Lafayette. Between times, the Tigers have run over South Dakota, Texas Tech, Illinois, and Idaho. M. U. disposed of the latter, 81-57, Monday in its tournament dress rehearsal and thus left more than a week to prepare for its opener against Nebraska.

This will be the leadoff game of the second night of first-round warring. Kansas and Cornell play for the other lower bracket semifinal spot in the nightcap. Colorado and Oklahoma lead off Tuesday's show with Iowa State and Kansas State matched in the second upper bracket tiff. Consolation play will fill Thursday and Friday afternoons with the championship bracket moving to a climax Saturday night, following a third-place play-off between Friday night's semifinal losers.

**Stewart's terrific early firing has led a general increase of Tiger averages at almost every point. Center Chuck Denny is 11.2 against a 3.1 figure last season. Eddie Ronsick and Bill Ross also are up. Stewart's backline mate, Lionel Smith, is close with 9.6 compared to a seasonal level of 10.2 last year. So is Forward Redford Reichert at 6.0 against a 7.8 mean last season. Team offense is at 75.6, an increase of 4.1 points a game** dications, however, it appears that Denny, always a willing workhorse who puts out 100 per cent and Stephens, will patch that gap even better than expected. Denny, foul-prone through his first two years, hasnt' drawn five in a game yet.

The backline with Stewart and the versatile Smith is the league's best. Ross, after scoring only eleven points in sixteen games last year, has advanced to the point where Stalcup is mounting three capable forwards. Ronsick and Reichert are the other two. Engelhoff may be a fourth solid hand before the season is far advanced.

**May Hurt M. U.**

**Only two items can hurt the Tigers . . . (1) Defensing a good pivotman of 6-8 or taller, and (2) Lack of enough scoring support around Stewart, especially when he runs into those inevitable cold nights.**

Missouri is facing a tournament hoodoo that says no champion repeats. But the Tigers are in the best position to defend since Kansas State's 1951 edition dropped a 90-88 overtime semifinal to Kansas in quest of its second straight.

BIG SEVEN TOURNAMENT DEFENSIVE RECORDS.

Fewest points yielded, game—33 by Oklahoma A. & M. vs. Iowa State, 1947.

Fewest points yielded tournament—129 by Oklahoma A. & M., 1947.

Fewest career points yielded—1521, Missouri.

Fewest field goals yielded game—11 by Kansas vs. Iowa State, 1946; by Oklahoma A. & M. vs. Iowa State, 1947; by Missouri vs. Oklahoma, 1949.

Fewest field goals yielded, tournament—43, by Oklahoma A. & M., '43.

Fewest career field goals yielded—528, Missouri.

Fewest free throws yielded, game—3 by Iowa State vs. Kansas, 1950; by Minnesota vs. Kansas, 1950.

Fewest free throws yielded, tournament—25, Michigan, 1949.

Fewest free throws yielded, tournament career—452, Nebraska.

Fewest fouls, game—9 by Michigan vs. Colorado, 1949.

Fewest fouls, tournament—30, by Michigan, 1949.

Fewest fouls, career—548, by Missouri.

## Cyclones in Finals 1st Time

# 'Hump' Steep, Buffs Stopped

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By GEORGE FRANCO
Executive Sports Editor,
The Denver Post

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—For what consolation there might be in it, Bebe Lee and his Colorado cagers will have to put up with Iowa State's Gary Thompson only four more times and it's a cinch they'll be glad when it's over.

They will, that is, if he pulls any more shenanigans like those of Thursday night when he personally preserved a 55-to-52 victory for Bill Strannigan's Cyclones in the semifinals of the Big Seven tournament here.

All he did was pop in two free throws with eight seconds left to clinch the victory after Colorado pulled one of its familiar rallies to get within a lone point with 27 seconds left.

He'd done exactly the same thing ten seconds earlier. That time he also broke the hearts of the Buffs after they had overcome an 11-point deficit of early second-half play.

The victory moved the surprising Cyclones into Friday night's championship game against the touted Kansas Jayhawks, who thumped a sour Missouri team, 73-56, in the other championship bracket game Thursday night.

That appearance will mark Iowa State's first title game showing in the 10-year history of the annual pre-season test.

Colorado and Missouri play for third place at 6:30 p. m. (Denver time).

Colorado's comeback matched its efforts in Tuesday night's opening round meeting with Oklahoma in every respect but one—it didn't end in victory as it did over the Sooners.

when Cyclone Chuck Vogt canned a jumper from the keyhole with 2:31 to go.

Gordon Johnson, Colorado's busy junior guard from Norfolk, Neb., matched that by hitting a short one-hander after gaining possession in a front-court melee that made it, 51-50, with 1:47 left.

The Buffs broke up Iowa State's attempted stall when they stole the ball from Thompson with 1:03 left, but the effort went for naught as Hannah's sweeping hook shot was in and out with 48 seconds left.

That was the signal for Thomp-

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**over the same route last winter.**

This is despite heavy losses. Gone are those 4-year veterans, Bob Reiter and Med Park, plus Lloyd Elmore, a fine backline defender. There also is the absence of a lad named Win Wilfong, who elected to further his education at Memphis State when mustered out of service last spring. Had he returned to Columbia as was anticipated, the Tigers would have the most prolific set of guards in league history. He is the nation's tenth-ranked scorer at the moment with a 27.7 average.

**An All-Around Cager.**

**On paper, at least, Missouri doesn't look as potent as last year's club which was favored to win the conference flag, but finished two games behind Colorado. But Stewart, a smooth 6-4, 199-pounder who can rebound, pass and defend as well as shoot, is one of those rare competitors who can life an entire club. Could be the Tigers will arrive in the throne room a year before schedule.**

Oddly, Missouri is one of the few league teams not endowed with a genuine big man in the pivot. Denny, at 6-5½, is the tallest regular. However it does not list a single midget, even in the backline, and is resplendent with brawn, which has come to be an important item under the boards. Denny scales 223. His replacement, John Stephens, is 6-5¼ by 207. Ronsick weighs 194; Reichert 180; Ross 183; Smith 182, and Roger Engelhoff, best prospect off last year's frosh, 189.

Stalcup was concerned at the outset over the pivot, from where the 6-9 Reiter led team scoring last year on an 18.0 average and topped the rebound department as well. Off early in-

# Colorado Is Surprise Of Big Seven Season

COLORADO is the surprise team of the Big Seven's early basketball milling as league schools edge toward their tenth annual tournament late this month at Municipal Auditorium.

Before the season opened there was sharp division of opinion concerning Buffalo fortunes for 1955-56. Some railbirds thought loss of four starters from last year's conference champions would drop the Herd into the lower reaches of the league. Others maintained the momentum of the last two years which has seen C. U. represent the league in N. C. A. A. tournament play would carry it into contention right down to the wire.

**Better Than Expected.**

Even their most optimistic backers did not expect a 3-0 Buff reading at this date. Among the victims are two defending conference champions Oregon State of the P. C. C. and Iowa of the Big Ten. Bebe Lee's madeover club. . . . Jim Ranglos and Mel Coffman who shared one forward spot last year represent the only starting returnees . . . tumbled State 63 to 53, at Corvallis and edged the Hawkeyes, 60 to 57, Monday in Boulder.

The latter conquest, of course, was the most significant. It marked Iowa's first defeat in three starts. It should be noted the Hawkeyes lost only one regular from last year's fourth-place N. C. A. A. finishers, and are favored over Illinois and Indiana to repeat. Furthermore, the Buffalos were without the services of one of their regular guards, Mick Mansfield, who wrenched a knee at Corvallis.

In between these victories, C. U. overran Oregon, 68-49.

Colorado is winning with ball-control, scoring balance and the same resolute defense that has earned the Big Seven championship of that department the past two seasons.

The Buffs put up an average of only fifty-five shots a game in their first three. They have scored fewer points than any other league team, 191, but restricted the enemy to an average of 53.0. Two men, Ranglos and Bill Peterson, an unheralded senior guard, are sailing among the first seventeen pre-tournament scorers with respective averages of 13.3 and 12.0.

C. U. runs into another rugged test tomorrow and Saturday in a 2-game set with Brigham Young, eighth-ranked in the latest A. P. poll, at Provo.

**Two Others Share Spot.**

Those two games, plus the Kansas-S. M. U. match at Dallas, and the Missouri-Indiana affair at Columbia, both Saturday night, will hold the spotlight through the remainder of the week.

Impressive as it has been, C. U. holds no better than a share of the pre-tournament lead since Kansas, eighteenth-rated on the most recent A. P. ballot, and Iowa State, also are carrying 3-0 marks.

Cornell, this year's guest team, lost a perfect record when upset by Harvard, 59-81, last Saturday.

Norm Stewart, Missouri's big blond forward-guard, holds a wide lead in the individual point derby with a 26.5 average. He has been beyond thirty points twice in the Tigers' first four games.

Here are the top fifteen pre-tourney scorers through games of December 13:

| | g. | fg. | ft-fta. | pf. | tp. | ave. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N. Stewart, g, Mo. | 4 | 42 | 22-29 | 11 | 106 | 26.5 |
| C. Rolles, g, Cornell | 2 | 19 | 11-13 | 5 | 49 | 24.5 |
| C. Smith, f, Nebr. | 4 | 24 | 26-35 | 10 | 74 | 18.5 |
| G. T'mps'n, g, Ia. St. | 3 | 16 | 22-33 | 6 | 54 | 18.0 |
| J. Parr, c, K. St. | 3 | 20 | 12-20 | 12 | 52 | 17.3 |
| L. Bacher, c, Okla. | 4 | 23 | 22-29 | 12 | 68 | 17.0 |
| D. Dobbs, g, Kas..... | 3 | 18 | 12-17 | 6 | 48 | 16.0 |
| D. Meade, g, Cornell | 2 | 10 | 11-15 | 4 | 31 | 15.5 |
| J. Medsker, c, Ia. St. | 3 | 19 | 8-11 | 6 | 46 | 15.3 |
| J. King, f, Okla..... | 4 | 17 | 25-33 | 10 | 59 | 14.7 |
| C. Vogt, f, Ia. St. | 3 | 14 | 16-19 | 5 | 44 | 14.7 |
| R. Zelek, c, Cornell... | 2 | 8 | 12-15 | 5 | 28 | 14.0 |
| J. Ranglos, f, Colo. | 3 | 15 | 10-16 | 7 | 40 | 13.3 |
| G. Elstun, f, Kas..... | 3 | 16 | 7-11 | 2 | 39 | 13.0 |
| P. Vicens, g, K. St. | 4 | 13 | 11-17 | 6 | 37 | 12.3 |

# BIG SEVEN TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD.

| | W. | L. | Pct. | Pts. | O. P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 191 | 159 |
| Iowa State | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 220 | 162 |
| Kansas | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 221 | 191 |
| Missouri | 3 | 1 | .750 | 295 | 241 |
| Cornell | 2 | 1 | .667 | 224 | 230 |
| Kansas State | 1 | 2 | .333 | 225 | 236 |
| Nebraska | 1 | 3 | .250 | 237 | 271 |
| Oklahoma | 1 | 3 | .250 | 270 | 263 |

## SCORES AND PRE-TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES.

### COLORADO.

63 Oregon State ...53 | 60 Iowa .....57
68 Oregon .....49 |

December 16 B. Y. U. at Provo.
December 17 B. Y. U. at Provo.
December 22 Colorado A. and M. at Ft. Collins.

### IOWA STATE.

86 N. Dakota St. ..60 | 62 Tulsa .....50
72 Texas Tech. ...52 |

December 19 Colorado A. and M. at Ft. Collins.
December 21 Denver at Denver.
December 23 Vanderbilt at Ames.

### KANSAS.

91 Northwestern ...70 | 74 Wisconsin .....66
56 Wichita ... .....55 |

December 17 S. M. U. at Dallas.
December 19 Rice at Houston.
December 21 S. M. U. at Lawrence.

### MISSOURI.

71 South Dakota ..46 | 92 Texas Tech .....60
58 Purdue .....62 | 74 Illinois .....73

December 17 Indiana at Columbia.
December 19 Idaho at Columbia.

### CORNELL.

83 Buffalo .....73 | 59 Harvard .....81
82 Colgate .....76 |

December 16 Brown at Ithaca.
December 23 Washington at St. Louis.

### KANSAS STATE.

89 Texas Tech .....70 | 64 Drake .....70
72 Indiana .....96 |

December 15 Loyola at Manhattan.
December 17 Washington at Manhattan.
December 21 Houston at Houston.

### NEBRASKA.

51 Iowa .....60 | 71 Michigan .....77
69 Texas Tech. .....63 | 46 Wichita .....71

December 16 U. C. L. A. at Lincoln.
December 19 Wisconsin at Madison.
December 21 Vanderbilt at Lincoln.

### OKLAHOMA.

65 Baylor .....55 | 69 Vanderbilt .....78
47 Rice .....62 | 89 Ohio State .....68

December 15 Arkansas at Norman.
December 20 Oklahoma A. and M. at Norman.
December 23 Illinois at Urbana.

# State Squads' Tourney Win Streak Shaky

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their opener they have a better than even chance of reaching the finals against the Colorado-Oklahoma winner.

Cornell, this year's guest team, is capable of upsetting Kansas in the final game of the lower bracket Wednesday. The Big Red will present a 6-4, 6-5, 6-4 front line, hubbed by 220-pound center Ray Zelek, and is starting four seniors.

Like Iowa State, the Ithacans will present an individual defensive problem in Chuck Rolles, 5-6 guard, who is averaging 23.0 through their five pre-tournament games. He fired a 37-point salvo in the 82-63 demolition of Brown last week. Cornell stands 3-2.

Kansas has been playing in a stiffer league, having split two games with SMU's defending Southwest champions, while beating Northwestern, Wichita, and Wisconsin and losing a nine-pointer to towering Rice at Houston.

Missouri, shooting for its second tournament crown in succession, something no team has yet accomplished, tackles Nebraska in Wednesday's 7:30 p.m. opener.

Here's the way the top 15 pre-tournament scorers line up.

| | G | Fg | Ft-Fta | Pf | Tp | Av. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stewart, Missouri | 6 | 59 | 39-52 | 14 | 157 | 26.2 |
| Thompson, I-State | 6 | 43 | 53-73 | 17 | 139 | 23.2 |
| Rolles, Cornell | 5 | 46 | 23-31 | 12 | 115 | 23.0 |
| Bacher, Oklahoma | 7 | 42 | 37-56 | 23 | 121 | 17.3 |
| Parr, K-State | 6 | 40 | 17-33 | 25 | 97 | 16.3 |
| Ranglos, Colorado | 6 | 33 | 30-43 | 16 | 96 | 16.0 |
| Smith, Nebraska | 7 | 35 | 41-60 | 18 | 111 | 15.9 |
| Peck, Oklahoma | 7 | 38 | 28-33 | 19 | 104 | 14.9 |
| Dobbs, Kansas | 6 | 33 | 23-32 | 12 | 89 | 14.9 |
| King, Kansas | 6 | 30 | 27-39 | 19 | 87 | 14.5 |
| Vicens, K-State | 6 | 24 | 33-46 | 11 | 81 | 13.5 |
| Medsker, Iowa St | 6 | 32 | 12-17 | 16 | 76 | 12.7 |
| Vogt, Iowa S | 6 | 25 | 21-35 | 11 | 71 | 11.9 |
| King, Oklahoma | 7 | 24 | 33-45 | 23 | 81 | 11.6 |
| *Ekwall, Nebraska | 5 | 18 | 22-31 | 14 | 58 | 11.6 |
| Stone, K-State | 6 | 27 | 14-21 | 13 | 68 | 11.6 |

*Missed two games because of illness.

*the line of scrimmage before meeting up with Moore.*

# Late Vanderbilt Splurge Rocks Sooners, 78-69

By JAY SIMON
(Daily Oklahoman Sports Writer)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 10—Oklahoma slowed down Vanderbilt's racehorse basketball team for about 30 minutes here Saturday night, before the Commodores cracked the game apart with a torrid 4-minute burst to win, 78-69.

Vandy outshot the Sooners 11-2 during that 4-minute stretch to rocket ahead by 14 points at 69-55.

The unbeaten Commodores, now owning four victories this season, pushed the lead to 15 points with 2½ minutes remaining, but Oklahoma fought back to trim the lead to nine at the final buzzer.

It was the first basketball meeting of all time between the schools and drew a crowd of 6,000, largest ever to see a non-conference game in Nashville, in fact, only arch foes Kentucky and Tennessee have ever drawn more in Vandy's 4-year old fieldhouse.

### Sooners Stay Close

Oklahoma, dropping its second game on the current road trip which ends at Ohio State Monday night, trailed only 58-53 when the Southeastern conference club caught fire late in the game to wrap it up.

The Sooners never were able to take a lead after Vanderbilt burst in front 6-0 at the outset, but rallied to cut the gap to two points on four occasions late in the first half.

## The Box Score

| OKLAHOMA (69) | G-GA | F-FA | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| King, f-c | 4-11 | 6-7 | 1 | 14 |
| Abbey, f | 1-5 | 3-4 | 5 | 5 |
| Bacher, c | 4-9 | 6-9 | 5 | 14 |
| Peck, g | 8-20 | 2-2 | 3 | 18 |
| Jones g | 3-7 | 0-0 | 4 | 6 |
| Pinkerton, f | 3-7 | 0-0 | 2 | 6 |
| Balding, g | 2-6 | 2-2 | 3 | 6 |
| TOTALS | 25-65 | 19-24 | 23 | 69 |
| VNDRBLT (78) | G-GA | F-FA | PF | TP |
| Thym, f | 3-12 | 9-13 | 1 | 15 |
| Gibbs, f | 2-6 | 2-3 | 4 | 6 |
| Harrison, c | 1-13 | 0-2 | 3 | 2 |
| Taylor, g | 8-19 | 7-4 | 1 | 20 |
| Rochelle, g | 10-17 | 5-8 | 1 | 25 |
| Gregor, f | 1-5 | 2-3 | 1 | 4 |
| Riley, f | 2-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 4 |
| French, g | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 |
| Keller, c | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 27-76 | 24-40 | 13 | 78 |

Oklahoma ..... 32 37—69
Vanderbilt ..... 36 42—78

Officials—John Fraser (Big Seven) and Clyde Castle (Southeastern conference

Al Rochelle, Vandy's hot-shooting guard who paced the winners with 25 points, canned a 30-foot set shot just before the halftime buzzer to send his team to intermission with a slim 36-32 margin.

Jimmy Peck, Leroy Bacher and Joe King all hit twin digits to pace the Sooner offense. Peck topped OU with 18 points and Bacher and

### Taylor Scores 20

Rochelle's running mate on Vandy's back line, Babe Taylor, chipped in with 20 points as the pair hit 18 of the 36 shots—mostly over the top of the Sooners' improving defense.

For the second game in a row coach Doyle Parrack used only seven of the 10 men making the squad. In addition to starters Bacher, Peck, King, Ed Abbey and Joe Jones the only Redshirts to get in the milling were Gary Balding and Bill Pinkerton.

The Sooners missed their first seven shots and didn't score from the field until Peck connected on a jumper from the top of the circle with 6½ minutes gone.

However, during that stretch Oklahoma hung in close with deadly free throw shooting, missing only one of eight four shots during the early drought from the field.

### Bacher Cools Off

Bacher paced the Sooners with 12 points the first half, but got only one goal thereafter and it came less than 4 minutes after intermission. The big guy's failure to hit the rest of the way hurt the Sooners' chances of catching up.

Vanderbilt dominated the backboards with a 57-46 advantage as Charley Harrison, 6-6 center, and Bobby Thym, 6-1 forward, grabbed 17 and 15 rebounds respectively. King was high for the Sooners with 13, while Abbey and Bacher, the other two men on OU's front line, gathered in but six and five against the vicious ballhawks of Vandy.

For nine minutes in the second half before the Commodores broke away the score teetered between Vandy leads of 5 to 9 ponts. The Sooners couldn't pare the margin to less than five, although at least four times they went down with the ball while trailing by five. Each time a wild shot or mechanical error would spoil the bid.

### Bacher Fouls

A crucial play occurred to start the Vanderbilt surge. Behind 58-53 the Sooners swept down and Bacher sped under the goal but was in no position to shoot. He passed off to King, who had a close shot, but Bacher fouled Thym in the process.

Thym converted two free throws and Vandy led by seven rather than Oklahoma moving within three points of a tie.

That was the spark Vandy needed and from then on the Commodores set sail for their fourth straight triumph.

## White Is Named

s squad. At the right is one of the league's ...
ki. STAR 12-22

# Huskers at Low Ebb Coming Into Tourney

**CORNHUSKER SCOREBOARD.**

Record to Date—51 Iowa 60; 69 Texas Tech 63; 71 Michigan 77; 46 Wichita 71; 71 U. C. L. A. 65; 52 Wisconsin 71; 48 Vanderbilt 66.

Returning Lettermen—(6) Duane Buel, g.; Norman Coufal, g.; Rex Ekwall, c-f.; Chuck Smith, f.; Billy Wells, g.; Bill Roy, f.

1955 Big Seven Finish—3rd T 6-6; all games 9-12.

Previous Tournament Finishes—1946, 6th; 1947, 4th; 1948, 7th; 1949, 7th; 1950, 4th; 1951, 8th; 1952, 6th; 1953, 4th; 1954, 8th; W 7, L 20, pct. .259.

Remaining Pre-Tournament Games—None.

First Round Opponent—Missouri, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

NEBRASKA comes into the Big Seven tournament with the drabbest record of any competing team. Aside from Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers will be the only club in the 8-team field below .500. Vanderbilt dropped them to 2-5 last night with a 66-48 conquest in Lincoln. O. U.'s level is 2-4.

N. U.'s early schedule was not easy. But it was not as rugged as that of at least three other league members. Bright spots are a 71-62 victory over U. C. L. A. and a stiff assault against Iowa's defending Big Ten champions before dropping a 51-60 opener. The Huskers managed only a 69-63 victory over Texas Tech, a club that was slaughtered by Missouri, Iowa State and Kansas State. It took fearsome lacings from Wichita and Wisconsin.

### Personnel Losses Few.

More was expected of a club which was the conference's surprise team last year with a third-place tie. The Huskers lost only two important hands, Willard Fagler and Gary Renzelman, who alternated at center and finished as the club's 1-3 scorers. Six lettermen return, including one of the loop's best 1955 sophomores, Rex Ekwall. A genuine big man, Jim Thom, 6-9 sophomore, has been acquired. The advance word was that N. U. would experience scant trouble improving upon last year's over-all 9-12 record. However, if scoring average through the first six games is 17.6 against a seasonal mark of 9.4 last season. Smith stands only 6-1, but jumps so high he appears to be a 6-6 horse under the boards.

Ekwall is expected to be up to par by the time the Huskers' ply their give-and-go offense against Missouri in the second session of the 4-day affair. Even as a sophomore, he led the club in rebounds with an 11.4 average and finished second only to Fagler in the scoring column at 12.4. He was averaging six-tenths higher than that up to last night's face-off against Vandy.

## Records of Big Seven Basketball Teams.

(Key: H—Home game. V—Away game. N—Neutral court. *Overtime period.)

**COLORADO.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 63 | Oregon State | 53V |
| 68 | Oregon | 49V |
| 60 | Iowa | 57H |
| 53 | Brigham Young | 70V |
| 55 | Brigham Young | 84V |

**IOWA STATE.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 86 | North Dakota State | 60H |
| 72 | Texas Tech | 52H |
| 62 | Tulsa | 50H |
| 72 | Colorado A. and M. | 60V |
| 62 | Denver | 65V |

**KANSAS STATE.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 89 | Texas Tech | 70H |
| 72 | Indiana | 96V |
| 64 | Drake | 70V |
| 92 | Loyola (L. A.) | 66H |
| 74 | Washington (Seattle) | 69H |
| 79 | Houston | 86V |

**KANSAS.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 91 | Northwestern | 70H |
| 56 | Wichita | 55V |
| 74 | Wisconsin | 66V |
| 61 | Southern Methodist | 81V |
| 66 | Rice | 75V |
| 62 | Southern Methodist | 58H |

**MISSOURI.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 71 | South Dakota | 46H |
| 53 | Purdue | 62V |
| 92 | Texas Tech | 60H |
| 74 | Illinois | 73H |
| 78 | Indiana | 81H |
| 81 | Idaho | 57H |

**NEBRASKA.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 51 | Iowa | 60V |
| 69 | Texas Tech | 63H |
| 71 | Michigan | 77V |
| 46 | Wichita | 71V |
| 71 | U. C. L. A. | 65H |
| 52 | Wisconsin | 71V |
| 48 | Vanderbilt | 66H |

**OKLAHOMA.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 65 | Baylor | 55H |
| 47 | Rice | 79H |
| 69 | Vanderbilt | 78V |
| 68 | Ohio State | 89V |
| 69 | Arkansas | 59H |

**CORNELL.**

(Guest Team in Big Seven Tourney.)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 83 | Buffalo | 73H |
| 82 | Colgate | 76H |
| 59 | Harvard | 81H |
| 82 | Brown | 63H |

the ratio of its first six games is maintained Nebraska would finish at 8-16.

There are, of course, substantial reasons for the Scarlet's slow start. For one, Thom apparently is not ready. Ekwall has been starting at center, thereby reducing N. U's. height considerably. Veteran Guard Whitey Buel has not played because of a broken collarbone suffered early in practice. Ekwall has missed two games because of a heavy cold. And coach Jerry Bush, now in his second season at Lincoln, is paying the price of experience by starting three sophomores.

These include Don Smidt, 6-4, Anderson, Ind. forward; and guards Jim Kubacki, a 5-10 long-range artist, and Gary Reimers, 5-11 Millard, Neb. product. Chuck Smith, a 2-lettered senior, is handling the opposite forward.

**Smith Averaging 17.6.**

He is the Huskers' brightest pre-tournament performer. His

Another known Husker asset is Norman Coufal, quite likely the league's best 2-hand set shooter last year.

All this places Nebraska in an enviable upset position against the Tigers who have been the most impressive tournament entry through the early going. Although beaten 58-75 by M. U. in last year's first round, Nebraska caused the Tigers more grief than either Oklahoma, their semifinal opponent, or Kansas State, their finals' foe. The Huskers stood off the tournament champions for a half with their easternized offense and a zone defense.

**The Finals Friday.**

Kansas and Cornell vie in Wednesday's second game. Tuesday's card matches Colorado against Oklahoma at 7:30 p. m. and Iowa State vs. Kansas State in a 9:30 p. m. nightcap. Semifinals are billed Thursday; the championship and third-place matches Friday night. Consolation play for first round losers will fill Thursday and Friday afternoons.

TOP TEN TOURNAMENT CAREER SCORERS.

| | G. | FG. | FT. | MFT. | TP. | TP. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clyde Lovellette, c., Kansas, 1949-50-51..... | 9 | 93 | 36 | 12 | 23 | 222 |
| Lester Lane, g., Oklahoma, 1951-52-53-54.. | 12 | 64 | 46 | 28 | 39 | 174 |
| Burdy Haldorson, c., Colorado, 1951-52-53-54 | 10 | 54 | 53 | 21 | 28 | 161 |
| Chuck Duncan, c., Iowa State, 1952-53-54..... | 9 | 59 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 154 |
| Jesse Prisock, f., K-State, 1952-53-54..... | 9 | 49 | 37 | 16 | 32 | 135 |
| Jim Buchanan, g., Nebraska, 1949-50-51..... | 9 | 58 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 134 |
| Bob Reiter, c., Missouri, 1951-52-53-54..... | 12 | 47 | 38 | 12 | 42 | 132 |
| Dick Knostman, c., K-State, 1950-51-52..... | 9 | 46 | 34 | 20 | 22 | 131 |
| Bob Jeangerard, f., Colorado, 1951-52-53-54 | 9 | 40 | 44 | 13 | 15 | 124 |
| Med Park, f., Missouri, 1951-52-53-54..... | 12 | 28 | 64 | 21 | 28 | 120 |

# Iowa State Topples Buffs

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son's first heart-breaking feat; he canned both free throws after Helzer's foul with 37 seconds remaining.

In the skirmishing which followed, Helzer was to become a momentary hero and a permanent "goat" in a move that he had no choice but to make.

He hit a layup on a fine pass from Ranglos with 27 seconds left to bring the Buffs back to within that familiar one-point deficit at 52-53.

Johnson almost got the Buffs out of the woods with 10 seconds left when he intercepted a Cyclone pass but he carried the ball out of bounds before he could stop his forward progress.

**Then, with no choice but to foul Thompson and take a chance that the little Cyclone would miss even one and Colorado get possession, Helzer did just that with 8 seconds left.**

The only hitch to it was that Thompson calmly canned both attempts to clinch the Cyclones' seventh victory against a lone defeat by Denver.

Mel Coffman, Colorado's defensive ace, did a workmanlike job in covering Thompson who carried a 21-point average into the contest. The Buff veteran limited his personal enemy to four baskets, but Thompson found daylight for three more against other Buff defenders. Those goals and his four vital free throws gave him game scoring honors

Ranglos' even dozen points was the best Colorado individual effort.

Iowa State connected on 21-of-56 from the field as against 19 of 61 by the Buffs.

In afternoon consolation games Thursday, Kansas State whipped Oklahoma, 86-64, and Nebraska bounced guest Cornell, 70-69.

**OKLAHOMA (64)**

| Player | FG | FT | FTA | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balding | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| King | 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 14 |
| Pinkerton | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Bacher | 9 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
| Peck | 3 | 8 | 8 | 2 | 14 |
| Kell | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Jones | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Abbey | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Totals | 22 | 20 | 28 | 20 | 64 |

**KANSAS STATE (86)**

| Player | FG | FT | FTA | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stone | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Abbott | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 14 |
| Kiddoo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Powell | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 |
| Fischer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Parr | 5 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 16 |
| Plagge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vicens | 6 | 11 | 12 | 4 | 23 |
| Hutchins | 0 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Wilson | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| De Witz | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Schneider | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Richards | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 29 | 28 | 37 | 17 | 86 |

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|---|---|
| Oklahoma | 23 41—64 |
| Kansas State | 43 43—86 |

**CORNELL (69)**

| Player | FG | FT | FTA | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rolles, f | 10 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 30 |
| Pearson, f | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Mattes, f | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Kogan, f | 4 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| Zelek, f | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Roberson, c | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 22 |
| Meade, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hughes, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Marriott, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23 | 23 | 22 | 18 | 69 |

**NEBRASKA (70)**

| Player. | FG | FT | FTA | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smith, f | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| Smidt, f | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 15 |
| Thom, f | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Ekwall, c | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Nannen, c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kubacki, g | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 14 |
| Mercier, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coufal, g | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Reimers, g | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| Totals | 29 | 12 | 26 | 18 | 70 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Cornell | 40 29—69 |
| Nebraska | 27 43—70 |

**As in that game Colorado had to be content to play "catch up" again against the Cyclones. At the same time the Buffs had to battle mistakes of their own making which cost them dearly. The Buffs committed 10 errors in the first half and nearly that many in the last 20 minutes in addition to taking some "bad" shots.**

Despite the loss Lee expressed admiration for the way his boys "fought."

They did fight, moving within that precious single point on those two occasions after seemingly being out of it. With 7:07 of the second half played the Buffs trailed, 28-39.

Then Bob Helzer, who played a fine game in relief; George Hannah and Reserve Dick Nicholson combined for points which chiseled the Iowa State advantage to three points at 40-43 with 7:50 left.

**SHEER FRUSTRATION**

But from that point on it was sheer frustration for the Buffs as they never once "got over the hump" and into the lead although threatening constantly.

Bill Peterson's layup basket with 5:37 left brought the Buffs to within a pair at 42-44. Hannah fouled Don Medsker, the Englewood, Colo., recruit of Iowa State, at that point and he added a single free throw to make it, 45-42.

Colorado's Jim Ranglos pitched in a jump shot from in front with 4:22 left and the Buffs were then back only one point at 44-45.

**Iowa State looked like they were going to sack it up early when Thompson's 30-foot jump shot and Medsker's pair of free throws put the Cyclones out in front, 49 to 44, with 3:36 left.**

Ranglos matched the free throws and Peterson hit a driving layup down the middle off a beautiful pass from Helzer to make it a one-pointer again, 49 to 48, with 2:48 remaining.

Again Colorado was beaten off in its efforts to gain the edge

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**COLORADO (52)**

| Player | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | PF | TP | REB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ranglos .. | 4 | 16 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 11 |
| Coffman.. | 2 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Hannah .. | 4 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 8 |
| Patterson.. | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Mowbray.. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Nicholson. | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Helzer ... | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Johnson... | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Team .... | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4 |
| Totals .. | 19 | 61 | 14 | 21 | 15 | 52 | 45 |

**IOWA STATE (55)**

| Player | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | PF | TP | REB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vogt ..... | 5 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 5 |
| Crawford.. | 6 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 12 |
| Medsker.. | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 |
| Frahm ... | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Thompson. | 7 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 18 | 3 |
| Sandbulte. | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Gaarde .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Team .... | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6 |
| Totals . | 21 | 56 | 13 | 24 | 13 | 55 | 40 |

Colorado ..... 22 30—52
Iowa State ..... 27 28—55

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CORNHUSKER SCOREBOARD

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Returning lettermen-(6) - Duane Buel, g; Norman Coufal,g; Rex Ekwall, c-f; Chuck Smith, f; Billy ~~Xixx~~ Wells, g

1955 Big Seven finish - 3rd T 6-6; al games 9-12

Previous tournament finishes- 1946-6th; 1947- 4th; 1948-7th; 1949 - 7th; 1950- 4th; 1951- 8th; 1952- 6th; 1953- 4th; 1954-8th W 7 L 20 Pct. 259

Remaining pre-tournament games - none

First round opponent - Missouri 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

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More was expected of ~~kuxtx~~ a club which was the conference' surprise team last year with a third -place tie. The Huskers lost only two important hands, Willard Fagler and Gary Renzelman, who alternated at center and finished as the club's 1-3 ~~xcuxrsx~~ scorers. Six lettermen return, including one of the loop's best 1955 sophomores, Rex Ekwall.

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A genuine big man, Jim Thom, 6-9 sophomore, has been acquired. The advance word wasxkx that NU would have scant trouble improving upon last year's overall 9-12 record. However, offxthexxratiuxof if the ratio of its first six games is mainatined Nebraska would finish at 8-16.

There are, of course, substantial reasons for the Scarlet's slow start. For one, Thom apparantly is not ready. Ekwall has been starting at center, thereby reducing NU's height considerably. Veteran Guard Whity Buel has not played because of a broken collarbone suffered early in practice. Ekwall has missed two games because of a heavy cold. And coach Jerry Bush, now in his second season at Lincoln, is paying the price of experience by starting three sophomores.

These include Don Smidt, 6-4 Anderson, Ind. forward; and Guards Jim Kubacki, a 5-10 long-range artist, and Gary Reimers, 5-11 Millard, Neb. product. Chuck Smith, a two-lettered senior, is handling the opposite forward.

He is the Huskers' brightest pre-kxxxxxtx tournament performer. His scoring average through the first six games is 17.6 against a seasonal mark of 9.4 last season. Smith stands only 6-1, but jumps so high he appears to be a 6-6 hand under the boards.

Ekwall is expected to be up to par by kxx the time the Huskers' ply their give-and-go offense against Missouri in the second session
xight of the four-day affair. Even as a sophomore, he led the club in rebounds with an 11/4 average and finished second only to Fagler in the scoring columnx at 12.4. He was averaging sixt-tenths higher than k that up to Wednesday night's xxxxxxx face-off against Vandy.

Another known Husker asset is Norman Coufal, quite likely the league's best two-hand set shooter last year.

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Nebraska All this places Nebraska in an enviable upset position against the Tigers who have been the most impressive tournament entry through the early going. Although beaten 58-75 by MU in last year's first round, Nebraska caused the Tigers more greif than either Oklahoma, their semfinal opponent, or Kansas State, their finals' foe, The Huskers stood off the tournament champions for a half with their easternized offense and a zone defense.

Kansas and Cornell vie in Wednesday's second game.

Tuesday's card matches Colorado against Oklahoma at 7:30 p.n. and Iowa State vs. Kansas State in a 9:30 p.m. nightcap. Semfinals are billed Thursday; the championship and third-place matches Friday night. Consolation play for first round losers will fill Thursday and Friday afternoons.

TOP TEN TOURNAMENT CAREER SCORERS

| | G | FG | FT | MFT | PF | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Clyde Lovellette, c, Kansas, 1949-50-51 | 9 | 93 | 36 | 12 | 23 | 222 |
| Lester Lane, g, Oklahoma, 1951-52-53-54 | 12 | 64 | 46 | 28 | 39 | 174 |
| Burdy Haldorson, c, Colo., 1951-52-53-54 | 10 | 54 | 53 | 21 | 28 | 161 |
| Chuck Duncan, c, Iowa State, 1952-53-54 | 9 | 59 | 36 | 29 | 23 | 154 |
| Jesse Prisock, f, Kansas State, 1952-53-54 | 9 | 49 | 37 | 16 | 32 | 135 |
| Jim Buchanan, g, Nebraska, 1949-50-51 | 9 | 58 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 134 |
| Bob Keiter, c, Missouri, 1951-52-53-54 | 12 | 47 | 38 | 12 | 42 | 132 |
| Dick Knostman, c, Kansas State, 1950-51-52 | 9 | 46 | 34 | 20 | 22 | 131 |
| Bob Jeangerard, f, Colo., 1951-52-53-54 | 9 | 40 | 44 | 13 | 15 | 124 |
| Med Park, f, Missouri, 1951-52-53-54 | 12 | 28 | 64 | 21 | 28 | 120 |

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