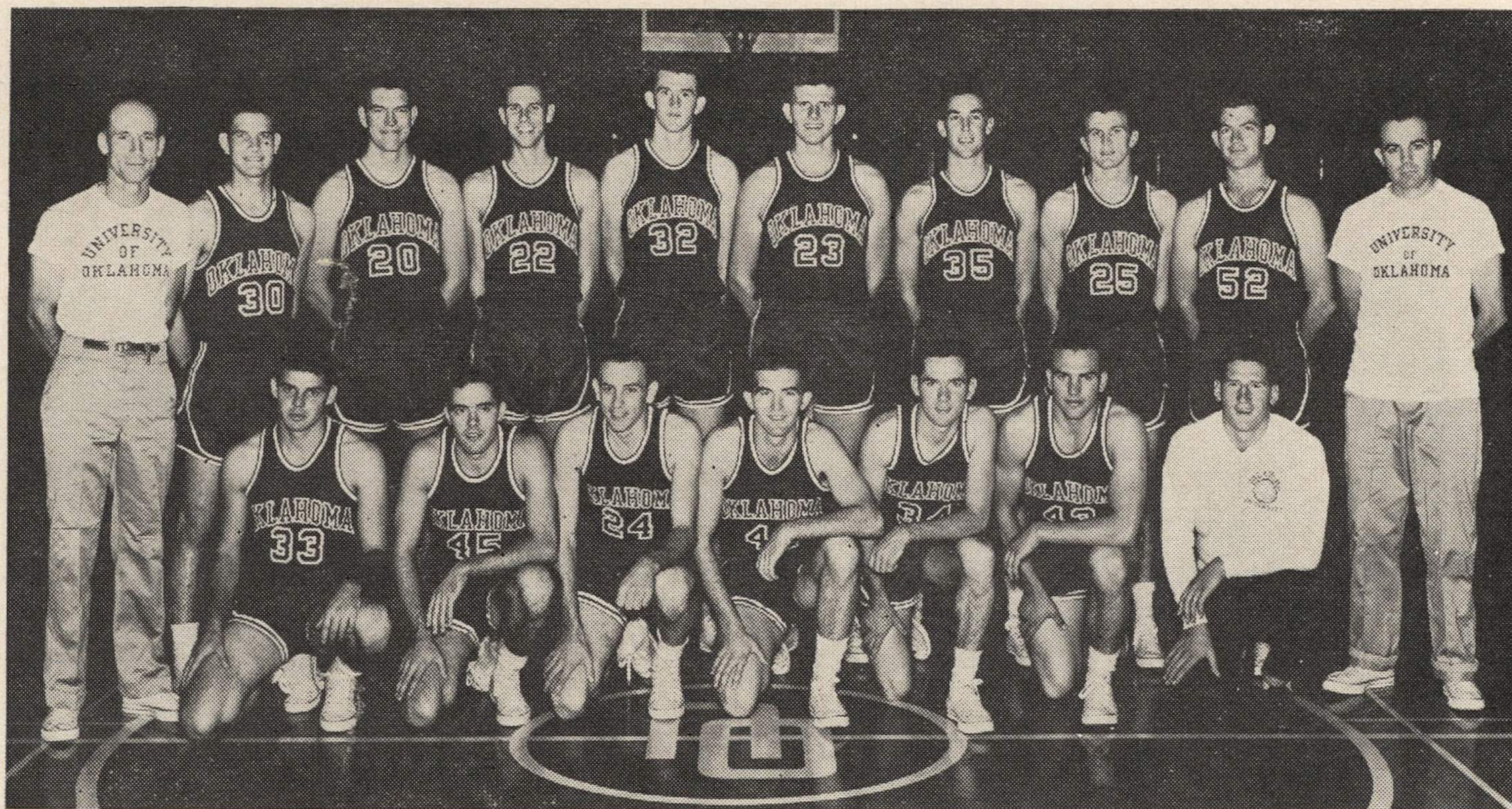


UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA



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 sophomore 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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