

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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