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 knowhow . . . 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, Il.inois 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 tor 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 lowa 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 lowa 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 Winfie'd.

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.



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.