

Wildcat Cagers Own Fine Tourney Tradition

WILDCAT SCOREBOARD.

Record to Date—W 3, L 2; 89 Texas Tech 70; 72 Indiana 96; 64 Drake 70; 92 Loyola L. A. 66; 74 Washington 69.

Returning Lettermen—(5) Joe Powell, f-c; Fritz Schneider, g; Dick Stone, f; Pachin Vicens, g; Gene Wilson, g.

1955 Big Seven Finish—T 3rd, 6-6; all games, 11-10.

Previous tournament finishes: 1946, 3rd; 1947, 1st; 1948, 4th; 1949, 3rd; 1950, 1st; 1951, 3rd; 1952, 1st; 1953, 5th; 1954, 2nd. W 20, L 7, .741.

Remaining Pre-tournament Games—Tonight, Houston at Houston.

First Round Opponent—Iowa State, 9:30 p. m. December 27.

Johnson, Minnesota vs. Colorado, 1950.

Most Field Goals Tournament—Thirty-seven, Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, 1950.

Most Field Goals Career—Ninety-three, Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, 1949-1950-1951.

Most Free Throws Game—Fourteen, Dick Knostman, Kansas State vs. Kansas, 1952, and Bill Brainrad, Kansas vs. Oklahoma, 1953.

Most Free Throws Tournament—Twenty-nine, Med Park, Missouri, 1954.

Most Free Throws Career—Sixty-four, Med Park, Missouri, 1951-1952-1953-1954.

Most Fouls Tournament—Fifteen, Delmar Diercks, Iowa State, 1950.

Most Fouls Career—Forty-two, Bob Reiter, Missouri, 1951-1952-1953-1954.

KANSAS State will bid for its fourth Big Seven tournament championship with the conference's finest mass blend of veterans and sophomores.

Tex Winter is bringing along a club built on five lettermen, two sophomore starters and a bench of rookie-junior reserves. With normal development it is a conglomeration which figures to contend all the way for the 1956 Big Seven flag. It carries good size, adequate speed and high firepower.

Stay at High Level.

As for the tournament, which commences its tenth annual run Tuesday night in Municipal Auditorium, the Wildcats have tradition on their side. In nine years they have finished below third only twice. They failed to place in the first division only in 1953, lone occasion on which they have dropped a first-round game. Their 20-7 tourney won-lost level is the composite best among league teams. And their three titles are the most won by any entry.

Yet the Purple will need every gun in its arsenal and every shred of tradition to clear even the first round. Its foe is Iowa State. This figures to be the tightest match of opening set of games. It is the nightcap of Tuesday's 2-battle set, which leads off with Colorado and Oklahoma in the other upper bracket affair. Missouri vs. Nebraska and Kansas vs. Cornell follow Wednesday.

Winter's starting rookies through the first four games have been Jack Parr, the much-heralded 6-9 recruit from Richmond, Va., and Larry Fischer, 6-4 forward from Pratt. Parr tops every tourney center on pre-meet scoring tables at 16.8 through his first five games. His 26 in the 92-66 flogging of Loyola is the most ever harvested by a Wildcat sophomore.

Fischer is averaging 8.2 with a high of 18 in the opener against Texas Tech.