

Height and Depth.

No tournament team will carry better combined height and depth in the front line. In addition to Fischer, Winter is using two seniors, Dick Stone, 6-3 Winfield set-shot artist, and Joe Powell, converted 6-7 center. Stone was the Cat's third-ranking pointsmith last year at 9.6 per game and is averaging 12.0 at this writing. Powell is riding at 9.4.

Also available at forwards are the veteran Gene (The Jet) Wilson, who can dunk even at 5-11½, and Wayne Hutchins, 6-6 Winfield sophomore, who is the nominal No. 2 pivotman. Powell also is available in the post if needed.

Pachin Vicens, the stubby Puerto Rican who is considered by many the league's finest dribbler and playmaker, teams at guard with Fritz Schneider, 6-3 lettered junior, who averaged 5.4 points while playing both front and back court in all 21 games last season.

Graduates Took Stars.

State losses from last season's club were not light. The alternating centers, Jerry Jung and Roger Craft, graduated. Also lost were a brace of long-shooting little guards, Kent Poore and J. R. Snyder, plus forwards Jim Smith and Nugent Adams.

The Wildcats have played strictly to an old basketball axiom to date—the home-road division of victories. In addition to Loyola, they whacked Texas Tech, 89-70, and edged Washington, 74-69, in Ahearn fieldhouse. Indiana scored a 96-72 victory at Bloomington and Drake a 70-64 surprise in Des Moines. Houston at Houston is the tourney dress rehearsal tonight.

Big Seven Tournament Individual Records.

Most Points Game—Thirty-nine, Sherman Norton, Oklahoma vs. Stanford, 1951.

Most Points Tournament—Eighty-two, Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, 1950.

Most Points Career—222, Clyde Lovellette, Kansas, 1949-1950-1951.

Most Field Goals Game—Fifteen, Maynard