

This is the sort of impetus ~~the~~ ^{the} 'ats have ridden to three consecutive victories after ~~having to make~~ a faltering beginning which saw them bow to UCLA, 57-86, and Arizona, 81-86, in their opening two road games. This is the length of fire ~~on~~ on which they seared Wyoming into its worst defeat of the season and trounced Indiana 14 points worse than did Missouri, the tournament favorite, earlier in the season.

Note please, that State accomplished such feats without the services of their swiftest floor man and best jumper, Gene (The Jet) Wilson, lately returned from service. Wilson picked up a broken bone in his left hand and is expected to miss the tournament.

With Smith and Jung off to their best seasons, along with Joe Powell, 6-7 unlettered junior, who also has been assigned a starting forward berth, Kansas State once again appears formidable. ²⁶ ~~able~~. ~~Win~~ Winter now ~~can~~ can floor the conference's best one-two pivot punch in creditable Jung and Roger Craft, 6-7 senior, a nifty three-man backline and replacement strength at forward.

^{Kent} In ^{J.R.} ~~Poder~~ and ^{owns} ~~Snyder~~, Winter ~~owns~~ the best long-range bombers in the circuit. Both can swish from as far out as 35 feet off long sets.... Snyder is a old-fashioned two-hand shooter..... and ~~played~~ cut inside for goals too. ^{also} they ^{are} are fine ball-hawks on the front line of the defense and ^{adroit} ~~are~~ handlers in bringing the leather into attack range. Both shared time with the ~~departed~~ Gene Stauffer in the backline last year as sophomores. ^{Pachin} ^(Puerto Rican Sophomore) Vicens is the No. 3 guard, cut to the same ~~size~~ ~~small~~ (5-9), quick, dextrous mold. This trio will carry a 26.6 ~~xxx~~ combined average against California.

Dick Stone, 6-3 Winfield junior, ~~is another~~ the No. 3 forward, is another good set shooter. When Wilson returns, ~~the~~ Winter will have a ^{solid} ~~complete~~ forward stable of four men.