

# Tigers Prove Class of Big Seven Tourney and Should Remain Tough

Last Night's Supercharged Effort Was Extraordinary, but  
in Preceding Games Missouri Displayed Over-  
All Sharpness and Know-How.

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**E**XPERIENCE not only is the best teacher, it also is the best grindstone against which to wear off the rough spots and put a high luster of excellence on an athletic team.

That was amply proved last night when Missouri coasted to the title of the ninth annual Big Seven pre-season basketball tournament.

Admittedly Missouri was at a white heat last night, hitting 51 per cent from the field in the first half and shooting 47.6 per cent for the game. But even in

## FINAL STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pts.	O.P.
Missouri .....	3	0	259	216
Kansas State .....	2	1	229	224
Iowa State .....	2	1	213	215
Colorado .....	2	1	229	180
Oklahoma .....	1	2	224	237
California .....	1	2	200	219
Kansas .....	1	2	212	213
Nebraska .....	0	3	171	233

## TOP SCORERS.

	G.	F.T.	F.	T.P.	M. F.T.
Duncan, Iowa S.....	31	13	7	75	10
Lane, O. U. ....	25	17	7	67	4
Stewart, M. U. ....	23	17	8	63	2
Jeangerard, C. U.....	19	21	7	59	4
Elstun, K. U. ....	20	18	11	58	6
Reiter, M. U.....	17	23	13	57	6
Park, M. U. ....	13	29	10	55	8
Haldorson, C. U. ....	16	21	9	53	8
R. McKeen, Cal. ....	21	10	8	52	15
Peck, O. U. ....	17	17	8	51	4
G. Thompson, I. S.....	14	18	9	46	7

tougher contests preceding the finals, the Tigers looked like what they are, a well-balanced, smoothly meshing basketball crew.

Aiding in establishing that gleam to the Missouri look is this line-up of experience. Bob Reiter, center, in his fourth season; Med Park, forward, in his fourth season; Redford Reichert, junior playing his second season, and Norm Stewart, a junior playing his second season. Only inexperienced man on the starting five is Lionel Smith, a sophomore. Available in reserve is Gary Filbert, a 2-year letterman.

That plus Missouri's practice (in all sports) of playing tough early season opponents has put a patina on the Tiger team which made it seem on a different level of excellence than Kansas State in the finals.

The Tigers excel in the floor game and in passing, which is sharp. The pass and cut and the drive under the basket from the sideline worked to perfection in the finals.

Anything can happen in basketball and Missouri may lose a few games (witness the loss to Houston) but over-all the Tigers will be tough.

be soon. Smith's injury was not thought to be severe.

## Better Days for Cyclones.

None can begrudge the sudden emergence of Iowa State as a power. Long the Cyclones have been easy targets for others in the conference. No longer is that true.

In Chuck Duncan at center and Gary Thompson at guard the Cyclones have two of the best in the league. Duncan is a letterman of last year but has learned much since then. Only 6-5, the Cyclone post man is a quick, agile center who is a pleasure to watch. And he can move outside and pop over the top of the defense when necessary.

Thompson is a real find. The sophomore was a 3-year all-stater in Iowa and single-handedly led his high school team to the state title there as a sophomore. He is speedy, aggressive, a top shooter and far more court-wise than most sophomores.

The Cyclones will be hard to beat at home.

## Looking at the Others.

Quickly, the others in the loop stack up like this:

Oklahoma—Blessed with two top operatives at guard, Les Lane and Jimmy Peck, the Sooners rely again on speed and hustle, plus Bruce Drake's magicanship in designing offensive maneuvers. The Sooners lack a good big man in the middle, which will hurt. The back line is as well manned as any in the league, though. Drake uses a zone defense quite a bit to offset the lack of rebounding height. This gives his shorter boys better position when the ball hits the backboard.

Colorado—Much better than they showed in the first round. Experienced (like Missouri) and well rounded, the Buffs will be a contender again. Burdette Haldorson one of the best big men in the loop. Perhaps a little more desire would make the difference here.

Kansas—Lots of sophomore talent, lots of sophomore mistakes. The Jayhawks by mid-season will be another of Phog Allen's hustling, worrisome, speedy crews, akin to last year but not up to that level of excellence. Lack a good big man in the middle, which likely could keep the Jayhawks from any big success. Next year should be the year, with all the starters returning.