

Minus Ace Performers.

Don't count Kansas State out, despite the wide loss to Missouri.

Two reasons are quickly at hand. The Wildcats played the finals without two top performers, Jim Smith and Gene Wilson.

Smith injured a knee in the semifinal game against Iowa State and did not play against Missouri. Previously he had been a top scorer (leading in about half the Wildcats games to date) and a tremendous rebounder (he snared seventeen in one game).

Wilson, the Negro gazelle who is a service returnee, broke a hand in practice but is expected to be a regular when the conference season gets under way. He is quick, experienced and can jump with most big men.

Consider the difference in Missouri's effect, just to make a case, if Med Park and Norm Stewart were out of there.

That much difference can be expected when the Wildcats get everybody in shape, which will

Nebraska — The Huskers haven't found themselves yet and may have rough going in the conference, same as they did in the tournament. So far the