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BERKELEY, Dec. 20--A surprisingly successful California basketball team embarks on its second road trip of the still-young season Tuesday, when the Bears fly to Mansas City to participate in the Ninth Annual Big Seven tournament, which runs from Dec. 27 through Dec. 30.

(The Bears had a five won, one lost record going into the Ohio State series this week.)

The Big Seven tournament annually invites a guest team, and California was selected for this season's classic. The host Big Seven teams are Kansas, Kansas State, Colorado, Iowa State, Oklahoma, Missouri and Nebraska.

The Bears have drawn Kansas State as their first round opponent on Dec. 28, and if they should win will play the winner of the Kansas-Iowa State clash. Win or lose, all participating teams will play three tournament games.

Coach Pete Newell of the Bears will name his 12-man traveling squad following the Ohio State series. In addition to the 12 players to be selected, the traveling squad will include Newell, Assistant Coach Art Gallon, Trainer Jack Williamson, Senior Manager Spiros Mellis, and Publicity Director Bob Rubin.

The California party will leave from San Francisco Airport at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, arriving at Kansas City at 5:10 p.m. that day. While in Kansas City, the Bears will stay at the Muehlebach Hotel. They will fly out of Kansas City at 12:05 a.m. Dec. 31, arriving at San Francisco airport at 5:05 a.m. that day.