

ever to wear the Black and Gold, mans the forward opposite Park. As a sophomore regular last year he ranked with K. U.'s Dallas Dobbs as the class of the Big Seven's rookie crop, averaging slightly over twelve points a game. He also is a fine defender and play maker.

Redford Reichert, who made a place for himself midway through last season as a sophomore, and Lionel Smith, 6-2 sophomore from Madison, handle the backline. The latter is cut from the natural mold like Stewart, high in playing instinct and versatility.

These five starters averaged sixty-six points the first five games, enough to win a lot of games with no bench help considering the usually tenacious Tiger defense.

Reiter, who trailed only Colorado's Burdette Haldorson in the conference individual scoring derby last year with a 21.0 average, leads this parade with a five-game mean of 16.0. Stewart is rolling at 15.2. Park 13.2, Reichert 11.6 and Smith 10.0.

K. U. Remembers Well.

Reiter at 411; Stewart, 256; Park, 199, and Gary Filbert, the radar-eyed long-range shooter, were the top four pointsmen last year when the Tigers finished third by clawing Kansas into a co-championship and out of the N. C. A. A. tournament with that memorable 76-67 victory at Columbia.

It also should be noted that the Tigers are moving well even without Guard Lloyd Elmore, who came along so rapidly in late season that he was regarded by many as the most improved player around the league. He will miss the tournament because of a knee injury.

Charles Denny, reserve center, and Lee Fowler, second-line forward, are the other returning letter winners. Only serious losses off last season's squad, were Bob Schoonmaker, the hustling three-sport battler, and Bill Holst, substitute center.

Hence, it is no surprise that Missouri has moved stoutly through the early going.

Stalcup has not enjoyed as much opportunity as he would like to temper his reserves under

But Stalcup has the type of team he likes . . . searing scoring power from the pivot, staunch ability off the backboards and an agile and experienced defense.

M. U. won its only tournament crown in 1949 when Guard George Lafferty led a pulsating rally in the final minutes to edge Oklahoma, 44-42. The Tigers also reached the finals in 1951, bowing to Kansas, 65-75.

TOURNAMENT SCORING CHAMPIONS.

Year.	Name.	Pos., Team.	T.P.
1946	Gerald Tucker,	c., Oklahoma.....	64
1947	Bill Waters,	c., Oklahoma.....	40
1948	Gene Petersen,	c., Kansas.....	51
1949	Clyde Lovellette,	c., Kansas.....	64
1950	Clyde Lovellette,	c., Kansas.....	82
1951	Clyde Lovellette,	c., Kansas.....	76
1952	Dick Knosotman,	c., Kansas State...	71
1953	Lester Lane,	g., Oklahoma.....	64