

# KEY IN VETERANS

**Experience May Enable Colorado to Better Best Previous Big Seven Meet Finish.**

## BUFFS MEET O. U. FIRST

**Last Season's Scoring Champion, Burdette Haldorson, Is Back to Spark Attack.**

*(This is the seventh of a series of analyses of team personnel of the clubs which will participate in the annual Big Seven conference tournament. The 4-day affair opens Monday in Municipal Auditorium.)*

### BUFFALO SCOREBOARD.

Record to date: W. 3, L. 3; 88, BYU 66; 65, BYU 46; 66, Colorado A. & M. 47; 44, California 57; 46, California 59; 62, UCLA 65.

Returning lettermen—(11)—Mel Coffman, f; James Grant, g; Burdette Haldorson, c; George Hannah, c; Tom Harrold, g; Bob Jeangerard, f; Charles Mock, g; Sam Morrison, g; Bill Peterson, g; Jim Ranglos, f; Walt Wilbert, f.

1954 Big Seven Finish—1st (T.), 10-2; all games: 11-11.

Previous tournament finishes: 1946—did not compete; 1947—8th; 1948—5th; 1949—4th; 1950—8th; 1951—6th; 1952—5th; 1953—7th. (W. 6, L. 15, .285.)

Remaining Pre-Tournament Games—None.

First Round Opponent—Oklahoma, 8 p. m. Monday.

Experience is Colorado's sharpest weapon in its bid for the Big Seven tournament championship of 1954. The Buffaloes, never higher than fourth in this field, are accorded a chance of winning the ninth annual meet when it opens Monday in Municipal Auditorium.

Consider the Herd's experience bin: (1) It returns more 4-year men than any competing squad, three; (2) It returns eleven lettermen, more than any other tournament team, and (3) It returns an entire starting lineup which was good enough last winter to share the conference championship with Kansas.

Buff strength, of course, does

place to start down the glory road.

Haldorson leaped from obscurity to the league point crown last season on a 21.3 average in conference play and a 46 per cent accuracy pace from the field over all. In so doing he edged more established aces such as Missouri's Bob Reiter, B. H. Born of Kansas and Bill Johnson of Nebraska. He is averaging 18.6 through C. U.'s six pre-tourney games.

Behind him is George Hannah, 6-7 lettered junior, who scored eighty-two points in twenty games last season as a sophomore and is rated highly improved this term. This pair may be as good a pivot punch as Kansas State's Jerry Jung and Roger Craft.

### Four Fine Forwards.

The frontline quartet includes Jeangerard, Juniors Mel Coffman and Jim Ranglos, and Bob Yardley, 6-3 navy returnee, who is listed as a senior. Jeangerard was the Buffs' second-high scorer last season at 12.8 and is one of the finest defenders in the conference. He averaged 11.7 through the early going this season. Coffman and Ranglos both are veterans of established worth. Yardly has come along swiftly following his 2-year service hitch.

Harrold is playing his third season as a regular. He was the Buffs' fourth-ranking pointsmith on 174 last year and has few peers as a ball-handler and defender. Mock is shooting for his third letter. A fine dribbler, his 206 points last year was third high on the club. This pair has been drawing creditable help from Sam Morrison, lettered junior, Sophomore Wayne Mansfield, and Dave Mowbray.

Colorado's pre-tourney record of 3-3 is not impressive on paper, particularly since all three defeats were suffered on the road. However, the third loss, a 62-65 defeat at the hands of U. C. L.