

Norm Stewart, who likely will go down as one of the finest Black and Golds of all-time, mans the forward opposite Park. As a sophomore regular last year he ranked with KU's Dallas Dobbs as the class of the Big Seven's rookie crop, averaging slightly over 12-points per game. He is a fine defender and playmaker too.

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

These five starters averaged 66 points between them thru ~~the~~ the first five games, ~~good~~ a lofty enough total to win a lot of games with no bench help considering the usually tenacious Tiger defense. Reiter, who trailed only Colorado's Burdette Halderson 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.

Reiter at 411; Stewart 256; Park, 199, and Gary Filbert, the radar-eyed long-range shooter, were the top four pointsmiths last year when the Tigers finished third by clawing Kansas into ~~knx~~ a co-championship out of the NCAA tournament with that memorable 73-67 victory at Columbia.

It should be noted too 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 ~~isx~~ will miss the tournament because of a knee injury.

Charles Jenny, 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-spirit sport battler, and Bill Holst, substitute center, who often spread consternation in relief.