

# A K-STATE THREAT

After an Early Slump the Wildcats Revive in Time for Big Seven Tournament.

## JUNG, SMITH AS SPARKS

The Purple Cagers Tie Into California for First Game Tuesday Night.

(PICTURE ON PAGE 2B.)

*(This is the last 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 tomorrow in Municipal Auditorium.)*

### WILDCAT SCOREBOARD.

Record to date: W 3, L 2; 57 U. C. L. A. 86; 81 Arizona 86; 70 Wyoming 50; 81 Washington 74; 91 Indiana 74.

Returning lettermen: (7)—Roger Craft, c; Jerry Jung, c; Kent Poore, g; Jim Smith, f; J. R. Snyder, g; Dick Stone, f; Gene Wilson, g-f.

1954 Big Seven finish: Fourth (T), 5-7; all games: 11-10.

Previous tournament finishes: 1946—third; 1947—first; 1948—fourth; 1949—third; 1950—first; 1951—third; 1952—first; 1953—fifth (W 18, L 6, .750).

First round opponent—California, 9:45 p. m. Tuesday.

Two old-timers have jerked Kansas State so joltingly out of an early slump that the Wildcats will command a prominent beam in the Big Seven tournament spotlight when they wheel against California in the final first-round test of the ninth annual derby Tuesday night.

The annual 8-team extravaganza opens tomorrow in Municipal Auditorium with California supplementing this year's field as the guest team.

### Saw Service at Frosh.

The veteran Wildcat one-two punch bears two familiar names, Jerry Jung, the 6-11 center from Hutchinson, and Jim Smith, the rugged 6-3 forward out of Brainerd, Minn. Both played as freshmen in 1952 when yearlings were eligible under Korean war rules. Both have followed a rather frustrating pattern, too, several times lingering on the threshold of stardom without quite getting through the door.

Off the basis of recent starts, they both have arrived at once. Smith is traveling at a 15.4 scoring pace, eighth on the latest all-tournament personnel scoring lists for pre-meet action. But that is only part of the story. Since being handed a starting role by Tex Winter in the last three games he has averaged 20.6. He made the most of his varsity debut in the 70-50 flogging of Wyoming with twenty-three points. He followed with twenty-seven in the 81-74 victory over Wyoming and twelve in Tuesday's 91-74 shattering of Indiana's proud Big Ten champions. Not only that but he has averaged twelve rebounds over that 3-game stretch.