

are Norm Stewart, strapping 6-4 junior who ranked with Kansas' Dallas Dobbs as the loop's finest sophomore last season; Red Reichert, lettered junior, and Lionel Smith, talented 6-1½ sophomore, who man the bac line.

Previous to the Arkansas game Wednesday, Stewart, Reiter, Park, and Reichert were travelling among the top fifteen scorers of tournament entries... this includes California, the 1954 guest team... thus giving the Bengals more men in this select circle than any other club.

Stewart took a 16.5 average into the Parker affair, good enough for fourth place on the composite listings. Reiter was tenth of a 13.9 mean; Park and Reichert tied for eleventh at 12.3. This is an impressive listing. Furthermore, Stalcup's teams always play stoutly on defense... they have won four Big Seven team defense titles since Saprky assumed command in 1947... and are wicked off the basketball backboards.

Colorado and California both are regarded as better than the two Kansas schools too. How good both might be likely will be reflected in from analysis of their weekend series at Berkeley.

MU and CU are clustered in the tourney's upper bracket which means, of course, that only one of them can reach the finals. Only one of the Sunflower entries can make the king-row too, since they are grouped in the lower bracket. K-State meets Cal in the final first round game December 28, and the Bears could make their mark right there. Could be they will ~~fail~~ eliminate both Kansas clubs. The Jayhawkers meet Iowa State in the first lower bracket game and will be favored to win that one.

Absence of a Sunflower champion or finalists will furnish a strange sight indeed. The ~~Jays~~ Jayhawks won last year and in '51, with State interspersing championships in 1952 and 1950. Fact is, the Jays and Cats have captured all but three of the previous eight titles