

Drake will floor the smallest team in the tournament. Tallest man on the roster is LeRoy Bacher, 6-5 sophomore center, who will not be eligible until the second semester. Fred Muller, 6-3 converted forward, and Ed Abbey, 6-4 sophomore, will handle most of the post play here.

One happy item in this lack of size is that tall pivot play is not essential in the shuffle since O. U.'s centers often operate from high in the keyhole. But it is a wicked handicap on the boards.

If this team owned firebrand speed—which it doesn't—it would closely resemble the famed Boy Scats of the late thirties, finest fast-break squad the league ever has harbored.

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It will mount one dangerous sharp-shooter, though, in Lester Lane, the prolific little guard from Purcell, Ok. This 5-10 senior won the tourney individual scoring championship last December on 64 points, snapping seven straight years of dominance by towering centers. Thru his first three games, Lane was continuing the same tattoo. He leads all tournament personnel with a 23.0 average.

In his junior season Lane set three new Sooner records, 18.8 points a game; 7.3 free throws a game, and thirteen consecutive free throws in a single game. He's the only returning regular from a five good enough to go all the way to the finals last year against Kansas. Lost were forwards Ron Blue, and Sterling Jones; center Bob Waller, the league's sixth-ranked scorer, and guard Dink McEachern.

Pairing with Lane in the Red-shirt backline is Jimmy Peck, 5-9, 145-pound sophomore. This