

# BIG SEVEN ---

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is also the third year in a row that Missouri has won.

The most important fact in the 1953 victory was that Missouri, led by 6-foot 8-inch center Bob Reiter, had too much height and rebounding power for the shorter Cyclones.

## **Control Boards.**

Control of the boards gave them control of the ball, and the Tigers didn't waste the opportunity. They unleashed a trio of hot shooters who overcame the fact that State's Chuck Duncan was high scorer with 19 points.

Reiter, who gathered three fouls in a hurry and sat out about half of the game, still managed 14 points, as did guard Med Park. The other "villain" was smooth sophomore forward Norm Stewart, 6-4, who tossed in 16.

Park, scoring 11 of his points in the second half, was double trouble for the Cyclones, for he did a magnificent patrol job on Dutch Van Cleave, holding him to eight points.

Stewart, assisted by Lloyd Elmore, was the gunner at the start as the Tigers took off into a 15-7 lead. Only Duncan was able to tally a single point for the losers during this stretch.

## **Juggles Lineup.**

Just when the crowd of 9,000 was settling back for a rout, Coach Chick Sutherland managed to juggle around until he found a warmer crew.

Duncan and Van Cleave of the starting five teamed with three huskies—Barney Alleman, Dean Nims and Howard Johnson — to throw a little weight around and climb back into the game.

All were scoring as the Cyclones climbed up to within 19-18 early in the second quarter. The effort, though, was tiring and halfway through the period Reiter suddenly came to life and threw in three quick hook shots to reopen a 7-point lead.

## **38-30 at Half.**

It was, thanks to Johnson's desperation long that dropped after the gun, only 38-30, favor of Missouri, at the half. It began to look dark again in a hurry.

Although Reiter picked up his fourth foul in no time, and went to the bench, Park started hitting. Reiter's sub, Bill Holst, also bagged a couple of goals as the Tigers roared into a 58-38 lead.