

THE COACHES BENCH

STANFORD

COACH ROBERT W. (Bob) BURNETT—This will be Bob Burnett's first season as head basketball coach at Stanford. He replaces Everett Dean, who retired from basketball last season after 30 years as a cage coach to take up his baseball coaching duties at Stanford full time.

Born in Oakland, California, August 15, 1915, Bob graduated from Oakland High School in 1934. He attended Marin Junior College, 1934-36, where he played two years of basketball and one of baseball, after which he matriculated at Stanford, receiving his A.B. in 1939.

Burnett entered the Navy in July, 1942, as an Aviation Cadet and was commissioned an Ensign in 1943. He served with Halsey's 3rd Fleet in Air Group 28, aboard the U.S.S. Monterey. He was awarded the Navy Cross and is now flying in the Organized Reserve out of Naval Air Station, Oakland.

In August, 1950, Bob married Pauline E. Perate, Lt. Col. in the Marines, stationed in San Francisco. He received his M.A. in Education at Stanford in 1951 and at present is working toward a Doctor's degree.

Burnett is the first alumnus of Stanford to coach Varsity basketball.

COLORADO

COACH H. B. (Bebe) LEE—Head coach at the University of Colorado, was born in Dallas, Texas, in 1916. He attended Hollywood, California, high school where he played basketball and baseball. His basketball coach was William Page.

He graduated from Stanford in 1938 with a B.A. in education. While there he played three years on the legendary Stanford team which won the Pacific Coast championship three straight years, and was awarded the then-mythical national championship in 1938.

Among Lee's teammates on that squad were: Hank Luisetti, Art Stoefer, Phil Zonne, Howell Turner, Dinty Moore, and Jack Calderwood.

While at Stanford he was elected president of the student body in his senior year.

After graduation he stayed on at Stanford as basketball assistant under incoming Coach Everett Dean. During Lee's playing days the Stanford head man was John Bunn, later president of the National Basketball Coaches' Association.

MISSOURI

COACH WILBUR N. "Sparky" STALCUP—Starts his sixth season as skipper of Missouri's basketball team. His life-time coaching record is 272 wins against 103 defeats. At Mizzou he has compiled a 70 won, 51 lost mark over a five-year span. As a player, Stalcup learned his basketball under Henry "Hank" Iba at Maryville (Mo.) Teachers, winning all-conference plaudits in both basketball and football. Teaches "Iba-ized" basketball, ball-control plus tenacious defense. Began coaching career at Jackson (Mo.) high in 1933, and then was recalled to Maryville the next year when Iba was hired by Colorado. Stayed there for 11 years, sandwiching wartime service in the Navy, and came to Missouri as George Edwards' successor in the spring of 1946.

Married, 41 year old, has one 10-year-old daughter, Susan.

K-STATE

COACH JACK GARDNER—This will be Jack Gardner's 19th year of basketball coaching and his eighth year as head basketball coach at Kansas State. During that time, Gardner has risen from an upstart to the position of one of the nation's top basketball coaches.

In addition to winning a spot in the NCAA finals, Kansas State was Western NCAA champion, Big Seven Conference champion (winning 11 games and losing 1) and winner of the Big Seven Invitational Tournament in Kansas City.

When Gardner came to Kansas State, the Wildcat basketball teams were considered a success if they finished in the first division of the Big Six Conference standings. During the 1947-48 season Gardner's team at one time was ranked No. 1 in the nation. That same year the Wildcats won the Big Seven Conference championship; the Big Seven Invitational Tournament in Kansas City, Missouri; finished second in the Western Division NCAA finals in Kansas City and fourth in the NCAA finals in Madison Square Garden, New York City. Kansas State had not won a conference championship since 1919.

KANSAS U.

COACH DR. F. C. "Phog" ALLEN—You'd think a man with 21 conference championships behind him and the nation's heaviest harvest of basketball wins over a 41-year period would be content to read his clippings of past glories.

Kansas' famed basketball coach, Phog Allen . . . Dr. Forrest C., if you wish . . . doesn't figure that way. Like Connie Mack, Allen wants one more pennant. And with his sophomore co-champions of 1950 now seniors, the doctor could get it.

Allen is an amazing figure right through the statistics. He will be 66 before the 1951-52 season opens. He will be coaching his 35th season at Kansas, and his 42nd overall. Down through the years since 1908 when he piloted K. U. to the old Missouri Valley title, Allen has bagged or shared 21 conference flags. His 682 victories in 882 starts is high among the nation's coaches.

Outstanding among Allen pupils have been Frosty Cox, former Colorado head man; Dutch Lonborg, now K. U. athletic director who coxswained Northwestern basketball forces for 23 years; Adolph Rupp, Kentucky bossman; John Bunn, Springfield, Mass., College, and Ralph and Dick Miller, Wichita U.

NEBRASKA

COACH HARRY GOOD—Came to Nebraska from the University of Indiana. He was head coach there from 1943 through 1945. Coach Good's 1945 Hoosier team finished second in the Big Nine Conference, losing three games in loop play. The club was undefeated in non-conference play.

Prior to 1943, Good directed the cage sport at Indiana College at Indianapolis. His Greyhounds were ranked among the nation's top teams. They won 190 games and lost 52 from 1928 through 1943.

A graduate of Indiana Central College in 1925, Harry won letters in basketball, track and baseball. He later coached football and baseball, then was appointed director of athletics and basketball coach.

Harry is married and the father of three sons and a daughter. Son, Joe is a regular on this year's squad. Last season he ranked third in Husker scoring with 155 points.

IOWA STATE

COACH CLAYTON (Chick) SUTHERLAND—Starting fifth year as head coach at Iowa State. The great little guy has shifted from the tallest team in the conference to the shortest with a big increase in speed and aggressiveness. Great background of playing and coaching experience brought Sutherland to Iowa State as freshman football, basketball, baseball coach in spring of 1941. Served as backfield coach and head basketball coach during war. Moved up from basketball assistant to head coach when Louis Menze quit coaching in 1947 to devote full time to duties of athletic director. Married. Son Jim, an Iowa State graduate, is basketball coach at Denison high. Daughter, Maxine, lives in Mason City.

OKLAHOMA

COACH BRUCE DRAKE—Is starting his 14th season at Norman. He has never coached at any other college or at any high school. Oklahoma thinks he is the finest offensive coach in the nation. Chairman of Basketball's national rules committee and President of the National Basketball Coaches Association.

Although he had never played football in high school, he lettered at quarterback on the Oklahoma football team of 1928. He was a 13-foot pole-vaulter in track.

He also coached Oklahoma's golf teams from the birth of the sport at Norman in 1933 through the 1951 season when he asked to be relieved. His Sooner golf teams won or tied for the conference title eight times in the 13 years a championship was held. His 1948 golf team set a conference record of 584. In 1933 his ace, Walter Emery, was an upset winner of the national collegiate championship. In 1948 his ace, Charley Coe, fired an eight-under-par 64 to set a new course record at the Lincoln, Neb., Country Club and emerged with a 36-hole total of 136, finest ever scored by a Big Seven golfer in the annual conference meet.

Drake is married, has two daughters.