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Basketball

Kansas State has some of the poorest material in cage history there. The Wildcats' new coach, Jack Gardner, is starting from Rock bottom.

Ervin Reid, center, is the only regular returning from last year's cellar team and the new sophomores include no exceptional prospects. Three reserves from last year, Robertson, Graham and Miller, appear likely to win starting berths. The other starter at present is Horacek, a sophomore forward.

An unusual feature of the Big Six season should be the number of ~~highman~~ tall players in action. Every team in the league, except Kansas, will have a player at least 6 feet 6 inches tall.

Missouri has a 6'7" man, Wison, and a 6'5" center, Currence. Nebraska boasts a 6'7" center, Randall, and a 6'5" sophomore, Dunker, Oklahoma has a 6 foot 6 inch center, Ford. Iowa State's sophomore center, Schneider, is 6'6" tall and Kansas State has a 6'6" sophomore.

Kansas has its smallest team in history. The tallest men on the squad are two reserves who are 6'3½" tall. Neither of these men is expected to get to play any this season. The tallest of the men playing much at all is John Kline, 6 foot 2½ inch guard.

Oklahoma A. & M. should have things all its own way in the Missouri Valley conference. The Cowboys have won or shared in the conference championship the past four years.

This year Coach Henry Iba expects to have one of his best teams. Graduation took only one regular and the sophomore crop is the best in the school's history.

Regulars back are Harvey Slade and Gene Smelser, forwards; Jess Renick, center; and Howard Doyle, guard. Renick has been moved to guard where his rebounding ability pays big dividends. Taking his place at center is Vern Schwertfeger, a 6'5" junior college transfer.

Best of the flashy sophomores are L.G. Eggleston and Charles ~~King~~ Scheffel, forwards; and Leroy Floyd and Bud Millikan, guards. Eggleston was a high school sensation at Walters, Okla.