

## Kansas High School Basketball

GERALD TUCKER, Winfield- Easily the outstanding high school player in the state this year. About 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 185 pounds or better. Only 16 years old and a junior. Does all of his damage around the basket. A one hand shooter almost entirely, but does not shoot pivot shots very often. Directs his team's play more than any other player I have ever seen. Practically a coach out on the floor. Very cool and calm. My only possible criticism is that he did not fight quite enough at times. A good man on defense, however, and a sweet rebounder. Plays it smart. Very strong and can throw the ball like it was an orange. His passing may lack finesse, but he gets the job done. Feeds his teammates plenty. Did not show up as well in the championship game as he had in others, but was being guarded by a fine guard, In addition, his teammates were not too hot at getting the ball in to him when he was playing the post. The fact that he got only 8 points against Eldorado was due in large part to the fact that he played inside on offense only about half the time, being in the back line the rest of the time. Plays back there part of the time to settle the team down. Leading scorer in the Ark Valley this year by a good margin. One of the best high school tennis players in the state. Always came up the floor slowly, but this does not mean he cannot run. Last year, when Winfield used the fast break at times, he was the first man down the floor. That he is still plenty speedy was indicated by the way he got back on defense. Does not shoot nearly as much as most players would under the circumstances/ and yet piles up big totals any way. The slow break, also, handicaps Tucker in trying to keep up with the scoring pace set by Miller and Engleman when they were in high school.