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in the school's history, which should make the 1941 Jays very potent.

Bill Williams at Drake University of Des Moines, Ia., produced his usual slick-passing, well-coached team, but lack of replacements kept the Bulldogs, who shared the title the previous year, down in third place with seven victories and five defeats. Drake lost twice to the Aggies and Creighton and one to Tulsa. Two nonconference victories were scored over Grinnell and a two-game series with Iowa State was split. Drake beat Simpson, Iowa conference champion, but lost to Illinois. On a trip into the southwest the Bulldogs lost to Maryville, Bethel, West Texas and New Mexico State twice, but beat New Mexico U. and West Texas.

Ned Swan, 6-foot 3-inch center from Des Moines, was Drake's outstanding player. Ned was a unanimous all-conference choice, just as he was in football. He scored 117 points to lead the loop in scoring despite the fact that he was kept out of one conference game because of ineligibility. He was the first Drake player ever to top circuit scorers. Little Walter O'Connor, the ball-handling wizard, again starred at guard while Toky Ahrenkiel, a letterman, played good ball at forward until he was slowed down because of injuries. Russ Thomas, forward, and Jay Cox, guard, a pair of transfers, usually completed the starting lineup. Dale Awtry and Lowell Baal, forwards, and Buzz Beasley, guard, were the top substitutes.

Washburn college of Topeka, Kan., a slam-bang bunch of ball players coached by Doc Errickson, finished fourth by breaking even in 12 games. The Ichabods also managed to win four of their eight nonconference tilts, beating Phillips, Morningside, McPherson and Southwestern, but losing to Emporia twice, Kansas and Wichita.

Eddie Amsbaugh was the work horse for the Kansans and he was rewarded with a second-team place on the all-conference team. Amsbaugh had some capable help, too, principally by Jim Mackey and Little Kayo Emmot, forwards; Chuck Ostmeyer, center, and Ned Wall, guard.

The University of Tulsa of Tulsa, Okla., had a disappointing season. A team that sized up on paper as a championship contender faded to fifth place with five victories in 12 starts. The Golden Hurricane won half of their 16 nonconference contests. The team beat East Central, Springfield, Independence Junior college, Northwestern, Southwest Missouri Teachers, Oklahoma Baptist, Oklahoma City and LaSalle, but lost to Central, East Texas Teachers, Baylor, North Texas, East Central, West Texas, Bradley Tech, and Yale.

Harry Lamprich, junior forward, was Tulsa's most consistent scorer. Howard Crow and Bob Patterson, other forwards, blew hot and cold all winter and Frank Tenney was called in to help out. Tenney also played center although Ira Sparks usually was the starter. At guard, Clarence Ehlers was a

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