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defense, while Paul Griffith played center, Frankie O'Connor and Bud Suter the forwards. Suter was fifth in Valley scoring, Miletich seventh, and O'Connor ninth, and Drake had the best offensive average of any conference team with a mark of 38.2 points per game. All three of these stars will be graduated, as will John Geertsema, reserve center. Ned Swan, center; Toky Ahrenkiel and Gale Lane, forwards; Francis Henry, Ivan Barney and Joe Lisek, guards, were among the better Drake substitutes.

Finishing third was a University of Tulsa club which boasted four or five star players but which apparently was a little short in staying power and reserves. Bobby Jones, a senior who was about the smoothest performer in the conference, was Tulsa's ace while Glen Bradshaw and Meredith Friels, also seniors, demonstrated that they were crack shots at forward. Another Tulsa senior marksman, Ned Butler, had difficulty in finding the range this year and his play was below his previous standard. Ernest McPatridge, 6-foot, 5 inch junior, was hampered by early season injuries but started many games at center, with Jones moving back to guard where Tulsa was weakest. Harold Sizemore, Gerin Cameron and Gerald McClune saw action at guard. Graduation cuts a wide swath at Tulsa, with Jones, Butler, Bradshaw, Friels, McClune, Cameron and Dwight Dussair, forward, leaving the squad which broke even in eight nonconference games. Otherwise, Tulsa lost two close ones to Oklahoma U., 23 to 16 and 31 to 29, and fell before Southwestern, Kan., Teachers, 45 to 38, and Warrensburg, Mo., Teachers, 40 to 37, in the Oklahoma City tourney. In the same meet the Golden Hurricane beat Panhandle Teachers, 46 to 21, and Baylor, 27 to 21, and in addition won from Oklahoma City, 50 to 28, and St. Benedict's, 30 to 27.

Creighton, finishing in a tie with Grinnell for fourth, had its poorest season in years, winning only half of 14 conference games and only 10 of 24 during the season. Guards who could guard were missing from the Bluejay squad, and Coach Eddie Hickey found that it was impossible to win with a strictly offensive club. Dick Shaw, little junior forward, came through with an average of 10.5 points per game to retain his conference scoring championship with 147 points while his mate, Carl (Roman) Roh, was almost as good at making points. In addition a sophomore sharpshooter in the person of Marshall Kittleson was unearthed and he won sixth place in the Valley scoring derby. Kittleson, Roh and sophomore Asa Kelley shared the center duties, with Roh going back to guard often. Vinson Roach, Kayo Robino, Don Barnes and Roy Engelbretson also played guard. The team's best conference games were in beating Drake and in holding the Oklahoma Aggies to a two-point margin, while its outstanding nonloop conquests were of Kansas State, 44 to 39, and DePaul, 44 to 37. Marquette nosed out the Jays, while other games were lost to Western State, Ohio State, Syracuse, St. Thomas and St. Joseph's, both of Pennsylvania, and to California. Creighton loses none of its stars by

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