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graduation and has a good group of freshmen ready to lend a hand in 1939.

Grinnell, which was one of the pre-season favorites, did not quite come up to expectations despite a full set of veterans including Fred Luther, Jim LaMasney and Bill Conwill, forwards; Wilbur Luick, center; Hal Dean and Bob Berry, guards. The Pioneers, who started off with three conference victories including one over the Oklahoma Ags, displayed great scoring power but like Creighton were weak defensively. Fred Luther, who started the season as a reserve, dunked in 127 points for fourth place in conference scoring while Dean undoubtedly was one of the mid-land's best guards. The Pioneers, who will drop out of the Valley conference in the summer of 1939, won three and lost two non-league contests. After being edged out, 41 to 33, by Minnesota and 28 to 26 by Iowa State, they set a school scoring record by drubbing Carleton, 70 to 40, and then won two games from Coe, 38 to 31 and 33 to 26.

Conference coaches were unanimous in agreeing that Dee Errickson of Washburn did the best coaching job in the Valley during the season. Starting with the remnants of a last-place team of the preceding year, Errickson built a team which was beating the leaders as the season ended and which went on to reach the semifinals in the national tournament at Kansas City. The work of Lee Brown, senior center who got better and better as the season wore on, verged on the sensational. Brown scored 48 points in his last three Valley games to finish second to Shaw in the point race, 10 points behind the leader. Eddie Ansbaugh, guard, and Jim Mackey, forward, two good sophomores, were other ingredients in Errickson's successful mixture. Henry Shulties was a valuable forward, with Harlan Schlicher and Dorsey Elliott dependable guards. Washburn won only six of its 14 conference games, but two of these conquests came in the last contests of the season and were over Drake and Creighton. Then in the tournament the Ichabods polished off Winona, Minn., Teachers, 37 to 36; upset a highly favored Marshal college outfit from West Virginia, 53 to 51, and drubbed Jordan college of Michigan, 44 to 21, before losing to Warrensburg, 44 to 23, in the semifinals.

For seventh place Washington the season was a drab one, only four victories being scored in 21 games, three of the triumphs coming in the conference. Forward Adolph Uhlemeyer probably was the best player on Coach Hudson Hellmich's squad, which lacked really outstanding men. Dick Douglas, Jimmy Rowan, Vaughan Devine and Bill Ferfecky usually handled the forwards, with Claude Beeler and Desmond Lee playing center, Charles Gilles, Bob Gerst and Otto Butterly seeing action at the guards. Washington probably played its best game against Missouri, losing by 47 to 46, but the Bears later dropped a 45 to 28 game to the same old rival. In the city series with St. Louis University, Washington won the first game, 38 to 35, but lost the next two, 35 to 32 and 28 to 23.

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