Seeking Another Crown
Coach McDermott’s Quintet to Depend on Speed This Year

VEN King Football cannot rule forever. He stepped from his throne with the waning season, and with his passing gave the cue which hurried twenty-eight men onto the cage floor in abbreviated togs, ready again to keep basketball in a top-notch place.

Faces familiar to gridiron fans are to be seen playing new roles in the second act of the colorful sport pageant. Even Coach Hugh V. McDermott has a different role. After spending the football season scouting the opponents of the Sooner gridiron warriors he has turned to his regular job—that of developing another quintet which will duplicate the performance of last year’s “wonder” quintet which completed a hard season of games without a single defeat.

But last year’s team was built from an abundance of good material. Those famous cagers were big, fast, more or less experienced players, who were able to tear into their opponents with a dazzling, forceful attack. This year, lacking size, Coach McDermott is depending upon speed to confront the stiff opposition which it is expected the “Big Six” will furnish.

A number of last year’s letter men are back in basketball togs, but that number is relatively small. Bruce Drake, captain of this year’s quintet, and Tom Churchill are the only two of last year’s regulars who returned to the team. Kerrigan, center, and Noble and Cullinson, guards, who traveled with the team as second string last year are back in uniform anxious to fill the vacancies.

Five men composing probably the greatest aggregation of basketball players in the history of this university completed their college athletic careers last year. Holt, center, Roy LeCrone and Granville Norris, guards, Stevens and Ray LeCrone, forwards, were regulars who left places difficult to fill.

Nevertheless Coach McDermott and his men are making a determined effort to do so, even though the team will be handicapped by lack of size, and, perhaps, experience.

Captain Bruce Drake, football star, played regularly at a forward post last year. With plenty of speed and experience his presence offers assurance that the team will be well captained and one forward position more than adequately filled.

OAKIE’s teammate on the quintet of last year, and on the Sooner grid squad of the last two years, Tom Churchill of Oklahoma City, and Jess Taylor of Sapulpa, are contesting a bevy of smooth and experienced players in the history of this university.

There is no candidate for the center position this year as tall as the giant Vic Holt, six feet six, who held that position on last year’s all victorious quintet, but there are four able men, all more than six feet tall, who are tussling among themselves for a chance at trying to fill Vic’s shoes.

So Coach McDermott will face the Big Six with a brand new team built from light, fast material. Some of those games, notably those with Missouri and Kansas, are expected to be hard ones.

The Kansas game comes early. An eastern trip takes the team to Washington university at St. Louis on February 1 and the Sooners meet Mizzou at Columbia on February 2.

The schedule of Big Six conference games, and those with Oklahoma A. and M. follow.

January 5 A. & M. at Stillwater
January 12 Kansas at Lawrence
January 15 Kansas Aggies at Manhattan
January 19 Iowa State at Norman
January 22 A. & M. at Norman
January 26 Nebraska at Norman
February 2 Missouri at Columbia
February 9 Iowa State at Ames
February 11 Nebraska at Lincoln
February 16 Kansas at Norman
February 23 Kansas Aggies at Norman

A number of additional games are yet to be scheduled.