Sports

Marcus Freiberger, 6-11 sophomore center from Greenville, Texas, is one of the most improved players on the University team and has won a starting position. He is the fourth, and tallest, of a famous basketball family. His three brothers, all 6-8, were also varsity centers for Oklahoma colleges.

Basketeers Move Up

A tough schedule and inept ball-handling combined to give the University basketball team six defeats in its first 15 games of the present season. Stolen passes and the resulting fast breaks lost both the game with the Texas University Longhorns at Austin and the contest with Kansas State January 22 at Norman. The final scores were Texas 59, Oklahoma 53, and Kansas State 47, Sooners 45.

However, the Drakenes did eke out two close victories on the home court, beating Missouri 44-40 on January 15 and edging Iowa State 53-52, January 29. That encounter with the Iowa State Cyclones was much closer than the score indicates. Marcus Freiberger, 6-11 sophomore from Greenville, Texas, hit a tip-in for two points to tie the score with 1.6 seconds left in the game. The Sooners went on to win in the overtime period.

Under the tutelage of Coach Bruce Drake, 29 phys ed, Freiberger has developed into a good rebounder, an accurate shot, and a much-improved passer. In fact, the towering sophomore has won the starting assignment at center. Sooner fans who like to make comparisons state flatly that the Texas giant looks as good this season as did the sophomore Bob Kurland for A&M. Drake, who has seen the tall players come and go, says that Freiberger has the makings of "an all-time great" player. Freiberger missed the Kansas State game but made 68 points in the other 14 games.

Paul County, team captain and forward, is the squad leader in point making at the 15-game mark with 165 points. Next is sophomore Wayne Glasson, who has counted 154 markers. Then comes Bill Waters, 105; Ken Pryor, 101, and Paul Merchand, 88 points.

By the time this issue of the Sooner Magazine comes off the press, the University team will have played Oklahoma A&M., both at Norman and Stillwater, and conference games with Nebraska at Norman and Kansas State at Manhattan.

At the halfway mark in the conference race the Sooners stand second to Nebraska with five victories and one defeat, that at the hands of Kansas State.

Still left on the schedule are four vital Big Seven conference contests. They are:
February 26—Missouri at Columbia.
March 3—Kansas at Lawrence.
March 5—Nebraska at Lincoln.
March 12—Colorado at Norman.

Cinder Squad Gets New Quarters

By HAROLD KEETEN, '29BA, '39MA

After a 50-year cold spell, the outlook is fair and warmer for Oklahoma's indoor track team. Recently Coach John Jacobs' Sooners left "Pneumonia Downs," their open air indoor plant beneath the east stadium, to establish headquarters in the large navy drill hall on the north campus, a new building that housed the Norman Naval Air Station Zoomers basketball team in wartime.

The new plant lacks a track. A temporary one has been measured off on the gym floor. It has little room for spectators. It is located 1½ miles from the Main Campus, consequently the track squad has had to be transported to and from it for practice, but it is warm and cozy. After trying to train for years in sub-freezing weather, often running in snow that had drifted through the open windows, or trying to dodge the water leaking over the floor and originators of the all-star classic. The game is set up next August.

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