By Harold Keith

*It's a pleasure this month to chronicle the progress of the youthful Oklahoma basketball team. After losing three of their first four games, Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner rookies won the Oklahoma City All-College tournament and are now riding an unbroken string of five straight victories, all but one of them achieved against road teams.

The Sooner record since the last issue of the magazine:

- Dec. 22 Sooner 36, NAS Zoomers 29.
- *Dec. 29 Sooner 31, NAS Zoomers 27.
- Jan. 8 Sooner 61, Kansas State 28.

*Oklahoma City tournament.

The young Oklahoma team's remarkable resurgence dates from December 22, four days after they had been ignominiously flogged by the veteran Norman Naval Air Station Zoomers, a powerful service club that was all-victorious, 51 to 29 at the Sooner Fieldhouse. Four nights later the Sooners defeated the same team 36 to 29 at the North Base Drill Hall and kept going from there.

The reasons for this pleasing Sooner brace can be identified. Obliged to build his team from so many new players this year, Drake was forced to experiment, in his team from so many new players this year, Drake was forced to experiment, in

An outstanding Navy V-12 basketball acquisition for O. U. this season has been Grover Ramsey, a 6-foot 4-inch former Oregon State freshman.

SOONER GAIN

This was the first round game of the Oklahoma City tournament, played in Oklahoma City's palatial Municipal Auditorium. The superior Sooner playing personnel and team tactics left the hustling Enid club little chance. Ramsey's and Vaughn's height assured 80 percent of the rebounds, too.

Oklahoma led 27-6 at the half. Kenneth Pryor, freshman cager from Oklahoma City Capitol Hill high school via Terral and Friendship Consolidated Schools, was Oklahoma's high scorer with six field goals and showed the crowd some nifty floor work.

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With ten days rest, the Sooners were fresh for their Big Six opener January 8 with Kansas State at Norman. The game was played on the same Fieldhouse floor where two weeks earlier the Sooners had been humbled 29-51 by the Zoomers, but in a striking reversal of form they wiped out the sting of that defeat by overwhelming the all-civilian Wildcats by 33 points.

Paine was the high scorer with 19 points, Ramsey had 15, Jack Landon 12 and Ken Pryor 10. The Sooners hit 26 of 59 field goal tries for 44 percent, astonishingly accurate firing. The Wildcats bucketed only 9 of 51 for 17 percent.

Remainder of the games for this month:

- Jan. 12 (W) Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.
- *Jan. 15 (Sat) Missouri at Oklahoma City.
- *Jan. 17 (M) Nebraska at Lincoln.
- *Jan. 21 (F) Kansas at Lawrence.
- *Jan. 22 (Sat) Kansas State at Manhattan.
- Jan. 29 (Sat) Missouri at Columbia.

*Big Six games.