Beavers Earn NIT Bid with 17-5 Year

It was the '48-'49 campaign when the Beavers got another invite from NIT. 17-8 for the year, they rolled into Loyola of Chicago, an eventual Sweet 16, and lost, 63-47, as Jack Keris carried in 36 points. The hallowed bid was received only after the Beavers' Tournament Record Spotty Beavers' Tourney Record Spotty veterans, that is—have been handling for another shot at the NCAA and/or smoothness from the Far West. They've got it tomorrow afternoon in the NIT.

If Priore expects to see some familiar faces on the Lavender aisle of the floor, they've got another guess coming. The only all-division starter from last season, jumper will be Irwin Dumont, whose one-handed pop shot in the last nine seconds projected the first Don-CCNY game into overtime. The Don won that one, 53-51.

Easy to Second Guess Looking back over the past campaign, it's easy to second guess a lot of things. The Beavers reached a quick peak against John's after losing one to Oklahoma, 67-63, and if anything stands out about this season, it's the classic 53-51 win over the Redmen.

Several sophomores falling behind the club in key setbacks. At the outset, the team made some formidable marvels like not switching off to meet Oklahoma's quick-crosses. WCW bested them off the boards and won the game, 68-52. At that point it became apparent that Ed Warner sloughed off and Miller and Hettberg carried the club.

NIT Tourney Record Spotty 33-48-
The very next year the Lavender was back in the NIT by dint of a flashy 15-2 mark. But Western Kentucky, notably one Jack Blevins, was too much for Hettberg. Claude Phillips' Sonny Starch rule the boards and the Kentucky high-pointer made the most of it.

Tacking to the road after the intra-divisional games, the Beavers scored 21 points down Georgia Kaftan's 17, 53-48, in the consolation game.

EXTRA...
Adolph Stupp, the Kentucky Wildcat number, was chosen Coach of the Year by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, yesterday.

Heartsberg, boasting them by a chiseled count, Blevins got 22 points to Holman's 17. The Holmen went on to win at LIU, 43-34, in the consolation game.

Beavers To Meet S.F.; Seeded 4 Bye

The 13th annual National Invitation Tournament, a twelve-team unit by decree of its sponsors, the Metropolitan Basketball Writers bows into Madison Square Garden tomorrow afternoon. The affair concludes with a win from the field, when the two finalists tangle.

Four teams have been accorded official ranking by the invitational committee. They are Bradley, Kentucky, St. John's and Duquesne. The unseeded teams are San Francisco, Western Kentucky, Syracuse, LIU, CCNY, Arizona and La Salle.

The affair has broken down into five playing dates. Tomorrow afternoon and evening's eight unseeded squares have at each other in a round-robin death while the top four stand off and smart. Western Kentucky meets Niagara and City takes on San Francisco in the two daylight affairs.

Mondays and Tuesday nights will be devoted to quarter-final contests. In the A or Monday affair, St. John's engages the survivor of the Western Kentucky-Naples embroilment and first-ranked Bradley opposes the winner of the LIU-Syracuse affair.

On Tuesday, Kentucky squares off against the CCNY-San Francisco victor and Duquesne tackles either La Salle or Arizona. Then come the semi-finals Thursday night, and if anybody's nerves can take it, there'll be finals next Saturday evening.
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trogs the last few weeks and tie it in the NIT. Lacking the en­
the 1st, Syracuse guards. The first round of seeded Na­

every game last year and is going at a 13 per game rate this season.

Coach Paul has enough

beats blemishes in 6- 7 Aaron

Proeca, who pushed in 17

against Manhattan when Hursh

and Melchiorre faltered. 6- 2

Bill Mann, sixth in the nation

in field goal accuracy with 45

per cent, and 6-1 Charley Grov­

er, a fleet guard who starts in

coming plays. This sort of

manpower boosted the Braves

in a 27- 7 season record. The

defeat were by Purdue, Ken­

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If the team coached by Forrest

Anderson, has any noticeable

flaw, it's defense. The Peoria

run and run and run. They're

willing to let the other guys hit

a few, confident that they can

drop in one or two more. Should

the luck of the draw not go

against LIU in the quarter-finals,

the Braves may have trouble.
Unseeded Arizona Coming
Long Way to Enter Invitation

The橡胶 Comedy Friendship Institute reports that Arizona is a new and interesting team with its barnstorming skills and flashy looks. They are sure to make a big splash in the National Invitation Tournament.

Duke Dies for 'Doodle'

Probably the slickest, most smoothly playing team this year are the Dukes of Duquesne. With a final record of 22-3, they've made a name for themselves in the National Tournament.

Awesome Western Kentucky, Unseeded, But Oh My!

The Western Kentucky State College Basketball Squad is another team to watch out for. They've been making waves in the tournament so far.

Kentucky to Face City—San Francisco Victor

The San Francisco Dons, darlings of the 49 National Invitation Tournament, will try to recapture their Mikes Bingham against the Bearers in a round of NIT play.

Despite the fact that they're defending champions, Coach Newell's baby-faces have been generally overlooked by prestige pickers who shag off a commandable 18-4 record. This week, Friday is a day to blame since the club thrives on being the underdog. Last year they cut the best teams in the game to ground down to their size just when everyone was getting set to beat out for posh tickets for San Fran.

Sticky Starters

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Five Blackbirds Baked in Tourney Pie

The basketball writers of New York presented Joe Hamburger with the Gold Star Award for the best single performance on the Garden floor this season.

Ed Diddle, the W. Ky. mentor, is the first coach to win three games in one school, the record to date is 5-2 victories against 11 losses in his 20 years on the job.

Top 25 Scorers*

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NIT and Video

Only the NIT's finals will be televised. This was announced yesterday by the American Broadcasting Company which will carry the games on Saturday evening, March 28 at 8 P.M. However, negotiations are still in progress to televise the second game of tomorrow night's doubleheader. There was an announcement of carrying the Boilermakers tilt when the O.P. went to press.

Scherer White

Blackbird Star

Unless coach Clair Bee can pump up some vigor into his pricey pals, LUU quintet, the Blackbirds will be baked in a pie. Perhaps not by Syracuse tomorrow night, although it could happen, but surely by well-rested hard-running Bradley.

Beyond Sherman White, Bee doesn't seem to have much. Herb Scherer has been slumping Adolph Bigos has been bothered by a groin injury. Leroy Smith has been "off." And even the classy Eddie Gard has shown signs of wearying of the forty minute pace.

But as long as LUU has springy Sherman, they don't have to worry too much about being overpowered. White has held his own against any and all one-on-one, from 6-11 Charles Shere2 to 6-3 Mary Jaffes. No one can expect one guy to win a tournament, though, and that's Bee's problem. He has his five iron-men, but they've been buckling of late.

On the plus side of the ledger, no other NIT squad can equal the Blackbirds' starting height - Scherer 6-9 and White 6-7. If these two age in form, they will be hard to stop over a short stretch. Some accurate shooting by the tireless Smith would help, though. Leroy is the man who can open up the opposition with his leaping touch.

LUU has a 21-4 record, including triumphs over Bowling Green Western Kentucky, San Fernando, Oklahoma A & M, St. Louis and Oklahoma A & M.

Look Up!—Tall Tourney Aces Tickle Twins

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