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Allegareo and the NIT too: Here they are, CCNY's 1950 National Invitation Tournament team which tackles San Francisco tomorrow afternoon (from left to right): Mike Wittlin (20), Herbie Cohen, Arnie Smith, Art Glass, Floyd Layne, Co-Captain Irwin Dambrot, Ed Roman, Normie Mager, Eddie Warner, Al (Fats) Roth, Ronnie Nadell, and Larry Meyer.

Beavers Earn NIT Bid with 17-5 Year

Maybe there's something to the old cliché "luck of the draw." Ever since last season, when the San Francisco Dons pinned two defeats on them, Nat Holman's Beavers—the

veterans, that is—have been hankering for another shot at the Green and Gold smoothies from the Far West. They'll get it tomorrow afternoon in the NIT.

If Frisco expects to see some familiar faces on the Lavender side of the floor, they've got another guess coming. The only holdover starter from last season's quintet will be Irwin Dambrot, whose one-hand pop shot in the last nine seconds projected the first Don-CCNY game into overtime. The Dons won that one, 54-51.

Easy to Second Guess

Glancing back over the past campaign, it's easy to second-guess a lot of people. The Beavers reached a quick peak against St. John's after booting one to Oklahoma, 67-63, and if anything stands out about this season it's the climatic 53-51 win over the Redmen.

Several sophomore failings helped the club to five setbacks. At the outset, the team made some rudimentary mistakes, like not switching off to meet Oklahoma's criss-crosses.

UCLA beat them off the boards and won the game, 60-53. At that point it became apparent that when Ed Warner sloughed off underneath there was tough sled-

NIT TIX

Tickets for the NIT can be obtained in the Army Hall Basement from 12-4 P.M. on the following dates:

Game	Date of Sale
Tues. Mar. 14	Mon. Mar. 13
Thurs. Mar. 16	Wed. Mar. 15
Fri. Mar. 18	Sat. Mar. 17

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 drives to a conclusion a week from Saturday, when the two finalists tangle.

Four teams have been accorded official ranking by the tourney 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 been broken down into five playing dates. Tomorrow afternoon and evening all eight unrated squads have at each other in a round-robin, while the top four stand off and smirk. Western Kentucky meets Niagara and City takes on San Francisco in the two daylight affairs, and LIU faces Syracuse and La Salle, Arizona, in the evening games.

Monday and Tuesday nights will be devoted to quarter-final contests. In the "A," or Monday bracket, St. John's engages the survivor of the Western Kentucky-Niagara embroglio and first-ranked Bradley opposes the winner of the LIU-Syracuse game.

On Tuesday, Kentucky squares off against the CCNY-San Francisco victor and Duquesne tackles either La Salle or Arizona. Then come the semis Thursday night, and if anybody's nerves can take it, there'll be finals next Saturday evening.

Beavers' Tourney Record Spotty

When the Beavers roll into the Garden tomorrow afternoon against the San Francisco Dons, it will mark the fourth time that they've appeared in the National Invitation Tournament. They also received an NCAA District 2 bid in 1947, proceeding to the semifinal round where they were slaughtered by Holy Cross, 60-45.

The team has enjoyed only moderate success in the NIT. In 1941 it went as far as the semis before bowing to Ohio University and the great Frankie Baumholtz, 45-43. Prior to that, the Beavers, paced by the great Bill "Red" Holzman, ground out a 64-35 triumph over Virginia.

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 Blevans, was too much for Holzman. Claude Phillips, Sonny

Stanich rule the boards and the Olympic high-jumper made the most of it.

Taking to the road after the intercession hiatus, the Holmen took Boston College, Muhlenberg, Princeton and St. Francis and were leveled by Canisius, 53-49, in Buffalo. Returning to the Garden



Coach Nat Holman
His fifth tourney team

Hertzberg, beating them by a 49-46 count. Blevans got 22 points to Holzman's 17. The Holmen went on to trim LIU, 42-34, in the consolation game.

It was the '48-49 campaign before the Beavers got another invite from NIT. 17-8 for the year, they ran into Loyola of Chicago, an eventual finalist, and lost, 62-47, as Jack Kerris curled in 26 points.

The 1947 NCAA bid was received only after the Beavers topped Syracuse in a special play-off at Troy, N. Y., 61-59. Once in the Garden they turned back Wisconsin, 70-56, but found George Kattan and Holy Cross too much for them in the semis. Kattan bounced in 30 points.

CCNY TOURNAMENT PLAY

Tournament	Year	W.	L.	Pts.	Opp.
NIT	49-51	2	1	149	107
NIT	41-42	9	1	44	49
NCAA	44-47	1	2	145	170
NIT	48-49	0	1	47	62
Total		3	5	407	388

score was 61-68, and that earned Niagara a tournament bid. The same blessing accrued to Syracuse after the Orange won, 83-74.

Playing among friends, the Lavender compiled a clean slate, capturing six consecutive intracity games. They took Brooklyn by plenty, St. John's and Manhattan by two, Fordham by four,

EXTRA...

Adolph Rupp, the Kentucky Wildcat member, was chosen Coach of the Year by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association, yesterday.

as usual the Eagles proved a

Bradley Seeks First NIT Crown

Bradley University, which hates to all get out to be called Bradley Tech, will have to show why it has been rated first in the AP pollings the last few weeks and why it is in the NIT, tackling the winner of the LIU-Syracuse game in the first round of seeded National Invitation play Monday night.

Last year Bradley went out and organized a School of Liberal Arts, enabling them to drop the Tech label and become a full-fledged university. One of the results in which its basketball team is almost liberal is tossing the leather into the cords at any rate of speed.

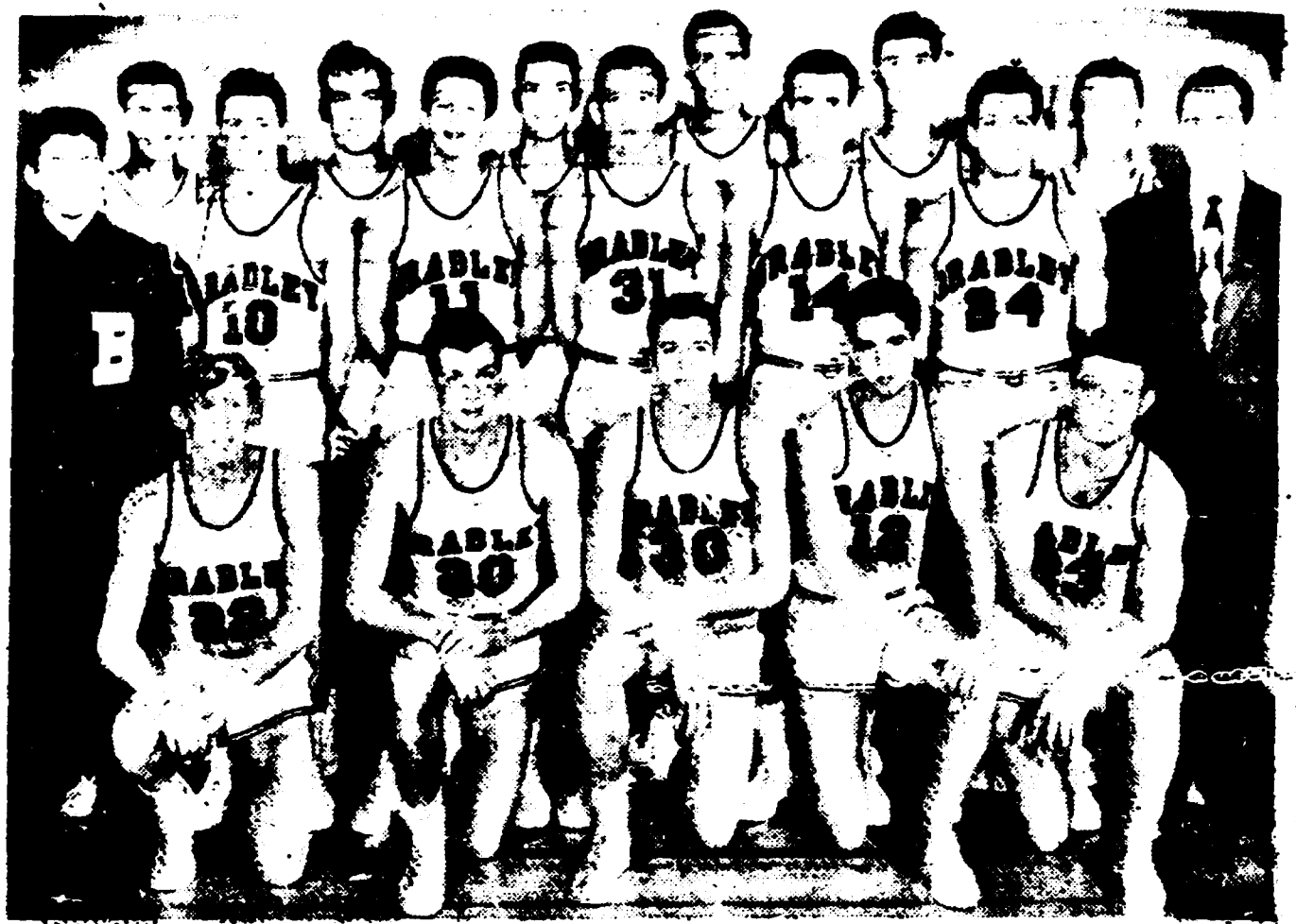
You'd think the Braves from Peoria would be worried about height. Their first citizen under the boards, 6-4 Paul Unruh, isn't any skyscraper, and their part-time pivot man, Gene "Squeaky" Melchiorre, stands all of 5-8. But Unruh is the jumpingest 6-4 in captivity and a deadly outside shot, while little Melchiorre dots on tall meat.

In the '49 event, when Bradley

went up to the NIT semi-finals before losing to Loyola, Unruh averaged 20 points a game. This year he's been hitting about 15 per cent. "Squeaky" Gene sank 28 against Western Kentucky's giants last year and is going at a 13 per game rate this season.

Gene and Paul have excellent helpmates in 6-7 Aaron Preece, who pushed in 17 against Manhattan when Unruh and Melchiorre faltered, 6-2 Bill Mann, sixth in the nation in field goal accuracy with 47 per cent, and 6-1 Charley Grover, a fleet guard who sets up the scoring plays. This sort of manpower boosted the Braves to a 27-3 seasonal record. The defeats were by Purdue, Kentucky (by one point) and Detroit.

If the team coached by Forrest Anderson, has any noticeable flaw, it's defense. The Peorians 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 pit them against LIU in the quarter-finals, the Braves may have trouble.



BRADLEY TECH BASKETBALL TEAM: (front row, left to right) Stowell Mize, Schlichtman, Alford, Gene Melchiorre; (second row) McCullough (manager), Hills, Mann, Schlake, Grover, Chiarakas, and Forrest Anderson (coach); (third row): Christ, Hammerichouse, Unruh, Rehnke, Kelly and Preece.

Lack of 'Big Man' Hexes Eagle Five

If the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky need any information regarding the inherent dangers of Niagara's Purple Eagles, they can get it first hand from City's Beavers. The upstaters had 20 wins this season the 16th of which was a stirring 68-61 job on City.

With Jim Moran and Harry ... providing a double threat on the boards, and Zeke Sinicola and Tom Birch running around like crazy on the outside, the Eagles are rough, period. All potential opposition must have at least one high jumping, hard fighting rebounder, or be content with taking only one shot on each offensive drive down court. They had better be prepared to fall back quickly also, for the floor trio of Sinicola, Birch, and Spanbauer have so much confidence in their jumping mates, that a missed shot often winds up into a 3 on 1 fast break for the Eagles.



Zeke Sinicola, star playmaker

Play of Larry Foust Key Item In Phila. Story

No one would think of starting a National Invitation Tournament without a dark horse. Last year it was San Francisco. This year it could be LaSalle of Philadelphia. The Explorers will draw Arizona in the elimination round tomorrow evening.

Working under a new coach, Ken Loeffler, LaSalle has registered a fine 20-3 seasonal mark, meeting and beating the best squads in the country with an effective two-platoon set-up. The team halted Western Kentucky, Bowling Green and North Carolina State, among others, and bowed to UCLA, San Francisco (by two points) and Toledo. In their lone New York appearance the Explorers turned back Manhattan, 65-60.

6-9 Larry Foust is the biggest man on the club. He can be very good or very bad. He's hit for 12.5 points a game so far.

Tail Syracuse '5' Key Test for LIU



Syracuse faces LIU tomorrow night with quite a tall five. (left to right) Bob Savage, 6-4; Bob Dorff, 6-6; Ed Miller, 6-6; Tom Huggins, 6-4 and Tom Jochis, 6-4. Dorff sustained a fractured ankle early in the year and is no longer with the team.

Zawoluk Redman Hope

Bob Zawoluk, Bob Zawoluk, Bob Zawoluk. Coach Frank McGuire of St. John's wishes he had a few more than three like 6-6 Bob, the well stacked soph center whose sudden coming of age has meant a journey for the Brooklyn quintet. For as goes Zawoluk, so goes St. John's.



Brooklyn Captain Jerry Calabrese one of the deadliest set cuts of all time. During Jerry has been rapping forty feathers all year long.

Under the present Invitation system, the Redmen don't do any more than flex their legs until Monday night, when they meet the winner of the Western Kentucky-Niagara battle. The tournament could be settled right then and there as far as the Redmen are concerned. Western Ky. will, in all probability, defeat Niagara. That means St. John's against the big, strong Hilltoppers, paced by 6-7 Bob Lavoy.

St. John's 21-4 record is deceiving. Three out of four setbacks were inflicted by intra-city foes. Only one visiting team downed the Redmen. De Paul did it, 74-68. Always competitive, the Brooklynites can be doubly difficult when Zawoluk is "on."

That forces the opposition to crowd in on big Zeke, affording Gerry Calabrese, Jack McMahon and other outside specialists the free moment they need to unleash their long heaves.

Leading an upstate New York aggregation into the Garden for tomorrow night's opening round of the National Invitation Tournament against LIU is the Orange of Syracuse, holder of a 17-7 record for the season.

Victors over two of its tourney rivals, City and Niagara, Syracuse will be paced by the deadly set-shooting of its 6-1 high scoring guard, Jack Kiley, and its tall-reaching, 6-6 sophomore center, Ed Miller.

Earlier in the season, when it seemed very unlikely that either the Orangemen or Niagara would be eligible for a

NIT bid, Syracuse upended the Purple Eagles twice, 62-49 and 60-45. Then, when both came into the big town to upset a highly favored City quintet, it was evident that the upstaters would have a voice in post-season play.

Syracuse's sextet of losses is spread among six schools, of whom only Holy Cross has made any real impression on the basketball picture. The Garden fans who witnessed the Orange's thorough 83-74 trouncing of the Beavers on Feb. 23, however, can't be convinced that they aren't a top-notch club.

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Kentucky to Face City—San Francisco Victor



KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY'S BASKETBALL SQUAD: (from left to right, back row): C. M. Newton, Len Shelby Linville, Walter Whittaker, Bill Spivey, Roger Layne, Walt Hirsch, Roger Day, George Johnson (no longer on team); (front row): Coach Adolph Rupp, Captain Dale Barnstable, Len Pearson, and Ted Rice, Arian King, Lucian Whittaker, Guy Strong, Bobby Watson, Gus Stergess (no longer on team) and Asst. Coach Harry Lancaster.

Here's Gustavus Adolphus, coach-suzerain of the Kentucky Wildcats, is not a man to be trifled with. In two games in Madison Square Garden in the course of the season, Baron Rupp's serfs finished the year with a 25-4 record, dropping one to St. John's, 63-53, earlier in the year, which may mean that the Lexingtonians will win the Invitation. They are the winner of the CCNY-

Graduating Co-Captain



Joe Galber

Frisco game Tuesday night. If nothing else, Kentucky will field the biggest man in the tournament. He is seven-foot Bill "Grits" Spivey, who made a deep impression on all those who watched him against St. John's. Only a soph, "Grits" is an outstanding All-America nominee and has averaged a cool 19 points a game. He isn't just a goon, either, moving well on the offense and defense.

Staffed by sophomores, the 'Cats' took a while to get going and committed the unpardonable sin of losing to two Southeastern Conference rivals, Georgia and Tennessee. They were also downed by Notre Dame at South Bend. Their

biggest victory was recorded over Bradley, 57-56, in the Sugar Bowl.

Some of the other key Kentuckians are 6-2 Jim Line, the fabulous southpaw slinger, Guy Strong and John Whittaker. Line, an amply padded chap, can be poison when his soft push shot is clicking. Strong shot seven baskets against St. John's, missing on only two long sets.

Whittaker, who looks like Ralph Beard, appeared jittery back in December and should be all the better for a season of competition. Singing his old Kentucky swan song will be blond Dale Barnstable, a distinct scoring disappointment so far this season.

The San Francisco Dons, darlings of the '49 National Invitation Tournament, will try to recapture their Midas touch against the Beavers tomorrow afternoon in the first round of NIT play.

Despite the fact that they're defending champs, Coach Pete Newell's baby-faces have been generally overlooked by pre-tourney pickers, who shrug off a commendable 18-6 record. This probably suits Frisco to a T, since the club thrives on being the underdog. Last year they cut the best teams in the land down to their size just when everyone was getting set to bust out crying for poor little San Fran.

Sticky Starting

Off to a thorny start, the Dons have played better basketball as the year progressed, and can be expected to be something more than a shadow of their former selves in defense of their title. Coach Newell has had a run of injuries to contend with. Rene Herrerias, the flashy ball-handler, broke his arm before the season started. That cost the team the San Jose game, 43-38, and two vital decisions in Madison Square Garden. With Herrerias seeing limited service, the Dons looked disorganized in losing to St. John's 60-44, and to LIU, 56-48.

The team could have folded right then and there. But Don Lofgran, shin splints and all, led the way to a 48-44 win over La Salle and a 45-43 victory over Niagara. Winding up the Eastern swing, the boys were soundly beaten by North Carolina State, 60-54. But by that time Joe McNamee, the 6-6 starting center, was out with a



Rene Herrerias
Dons' Dynamite

broken arm. Since then the Dons have made out fairly well, dropping two on the Coast. Santa Clara beat them, 51-43, and California, 56-44. California lost to City by 30 points, so chalk it up to that Pacific Ocean air.

Meticulous is the best way to describe the Dons' court style. They play patty-cake with the ball until a scoring chance crops up and rely on the two 6-6'ers, Lofgran and McNamee, to control the boards. The little guys, Herrerias, Kuzara and Guidice, are glue on defense and shoot well from the outside. Perhaps the best tip-off on the Dons was the comment of a Beaver player after last year's NIT: "They don't beat themselves, do they?"

Duquesne Dies for 'Doodie'

Probably the slickest, most smoothly playing bunch to hit the Garden this year are the Dukes of Duquesne, third seeded in the forthcoming National Invitation Tournament.

With a final record of 23-3, the boys from the City of Steel went through most of the season with an undefeated record, and started LIU on its end-season decline.

Duquesne's crisp, flawless attack is based around high-scoring forward Eddie Dahler. Spindly Ed gets into the bucket, and slowly but surely works his way closer and closer to the hoop. He then gets his deadly jump-shot working, and the results are in the records. Supplementing Dahler are the rebounding center Chuck Cooper, and the set-shooting forward Jim Farrell.

Coach Doodie Moore's boys lost their three games at the hands of Louisville, Akron, and Baldwin-Wallace. The rest of the NIT entries might profit from Akron's 51-43 victory over the Dukes on March 3.

The Zippers reversed a previous 14-point defeat by playing zone, with the specific objective of keeping the ball from Dahler. It worked effectively, as Ed's previous total of 26 was reduced to a mere eight. With Akron floating on the pivot, Farrell and Skendrovick started to set, but even their accuracy, failed to sur-



Jim Farrell

pass Akron's terrific percentage. There is only one system that will dump Duquesne: excellent shooting and few mistakes. The Dukes rarely make any of their own.

Awesome Western Kentucky, Unseeded, But Oh My!



THE WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL SQUAD: (Back row, left to right): John Givens, Jack Turner, Buddy Cate, Bob Layoy, Rip Gish, Eddie Diddle and Gene Rhodes; (Front row, left to right): Coach Ed Diddle, Bobby McGuire, Henry Cowan, Joe Johnson, Frank Wallis, Darnell Waters, Sterling Gibson, Jim Pichens and Assistant Coach Ted Hensbeck.

It's five to one that the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky will go all the way in the National Invitation Tournament. In part this success is due to the 24 and 3 numbers mark that the men of Coach Ed Diddle have chalked up. Not only that, but they jump, they rebound, they shoot, they pass, they defend, they are the most complete team in the Southwestern region.

Big Bob Layoy is the sparkplug of the Hilltoppers' attack. In 23 games, Layoy has tallied 682 points for a mere 29.6 average per game. Adding big Bob under the boards is Rip Gish and Buddy Cate, two 6-6 gluts who can run and shoot with the best—and, boy, how they jump! Johnny Givens and Ed Diddle are two of the finest shooters to

show in the Garden in a long time. Around to lead a hand will be Jack Turner, 6-8 and Gene Rhodes, 6-6. This is quite a ball club. They have to be to defeat Bowling Green and Canisius College, splitting with Louisville, taking Cincinnati and Xavier State. They have scored to LaSalle and L.S.U.

Unheralded Arizona Coming Long Way to Enter Invitation

The Hopalong Cassidy Friendship Institute reports that Arizona is a wonderful state. There are miles and miles of open deserts, old-fashioned badlands and a petrified forest that's jim-dandy for cowboy-robber chases. The latest secret to seep out of the Southwest is that Arizona has a National Invitation Tournament basketball team. Do tell!

Other than the fact that it sports a 26-4 mark, little is known about Arizona. Most of its victories were scored at the expense of relatively unknown schools like Tempe, Hardin-Simmons and New Mexico. On the few occasions the Arizonians have stepped out of their immediate conference they've been racked up. Loyola of L. A. did it, as did Texas.

The Arizona authorities must know what they're doing accepting an NIT bid. It would be a shame to have the boys come all the way to the Garden to get bounced by La Salle in the first round.

Five Blackbirds Med in Tourney Pic

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By Hank Wexler

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Ed Diddle, the W. Ky. mentor. i- the first coach to win SO games ** one school. His record to date i- 512 victories agalnaf 1£B lotuies in his 28 yearn on the job.

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Unless Coach Clair Bee c% pump some vigor into his practt, cally pooped UU quintet. (5 Blackbirds will be baked m a pie. Perhaps not by Syracuse ton**, row night, although it could hap. pen, but surely by well-rested hard-running Bradley.

Beyond Sherman White, Bee doesn't seem to have much. He* Scherer has been slumping. Adolph Bigos has been bothered by a groin injury, Leroy Smith has been "off." and even the classy Eddie Card has shoipp signs of wearying of the forfr minute pace.

But as long as UU hat springy Sherman, they doat have to worry too much about being overpowered. White has held his own against any and all foemen, from 6-11 Charley Share to 6-3 Marv Jaffa. Mo 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, too. -Leroy is the man who can open up the opposition with his leaping tosses.

UU has a 21-4 record, including triumphs over Bowling Greea^ Western Kentucky, San Francisco, * St Louis and Oklahoma A&M. Id

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look loll Tourney Aces Tickle Twines

Syracuse will have to bring on the Marines to step LTO's Sherman White tomorrow night. 6-7 Sherm looped ia 535 points in 24 games this year, including one burst of 63 against John Marshall.

•No one expects Bab Zawoluk to improve upon his last performance. That was his earthshak- of >

area's high scorer with 538 points. Extending 64 inches into the Garden cigar smoke, fans have no alternative but to keep their eyes on Kentucky's Bill Spivey. The Wildcat stringbean made 17 against St. John's and has gotten better every game.

Chock Coopas. Duquesne's 6-5 rim-sweeper, may be the first Negro to crack the Nit >n;l Basketball League, t' • - : st. powerful, and .. :•

Mr. Rebounds to Doodie Moore and his Iron Dukes.

Paul Unruh. Bradley's 6-4 high-scorer, may be outreached by some huge centers but he'll be outran by no one. Paul has a 49.7 quarter mile credited to him in addition to being the most prolific poinUproducer in Bradley history.

Wamar is CCITTs big hope for tourney all-star laurels. Though only a soph, "Pops" has n mentioned on some All-ran second and third teams, ecently cracked Irwin Dam- :s obsolete seasonal scoring ..rd. •

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