

### Ewkall, Second Team Choice:

# Thompson Unanimous Pick On 1957 All-Big 7 Squad

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The basketball wars being just about over, the Daily Nebraskan has once again endeavored to pick on All Big Seven Team. The players mentioned for All Star honors have been chosen for their outstanding play in Big Seven competition.

In the past, this mythical team was chosen by the members of the sports staff alone. This year in an attempt to present a true All Conference team, we have polled the sports editors of all the Big Seven schools and the sports director of KNUS.

Named to the first team were Bob Boozer, Kansas State; Jack Parr, Kansas State; Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas State; Gary Thompson, Iowa State and Lionel Smith, Missouri.



Jack Parr  
Kansas State

Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Boozer, an elongated sophomore from Omaha, was outstanding in his first year of varsity competition. Primarily a forward, Boozer was shifted to center to replace the ailing Jack Parr while the Wildcats were at the Kansas City Tournament. He went on to set a new touring scoring mark only to see it shattered by Wilt Chamberlain.

The Omaha Tech grad finished the season with a 19 point average to rank right behind Parr in Kansas State scoring.

Parr, the Kansas State center, moves to a forward position on the All Star team. His scoring and rebounding gave the nationally rated Wildcats a terrific club and along with Boozer provided Tex Winter's crew with a potent one-two punch. Jack's absence was felt in the Big Seven Tourney in Kansas City during the Christmas vacations. Had the big pivot man been well things might have been different in the playoffs.

Wilt "The Still" Chamberlain is the center on our All Conference team. Oddly enough, Chamberlain was not a unanimous choice. The University of Missouri newspaper, The Maneater, gave the first team center position to Parr and named Wilt to their second team.

Chamberlain was just as terrific as he was built up to be. He led the Conference in scoring and gained a berth on all the All American clubs. He tossed in a total of 86 points in two games in the NCAA Western Regional Playoffs to aid his team in reaching the

## 1957 All Big Seven Basketball Team

First Team			Second Team		
Bob Boozer	6-6 sophomore	Kansas State F	Don Schwall	6-8 sophomore	Oklahoma
Jack Parr	6-8 junior	Kansas State F	Ron Loneski	6-5 sophomore	Kansas
Wilt Chamberlain	7-0 sophomore	Kansas C	John Crawford	6-5 junior	Iowa State
Gary Thompson	5-10 senior	Iowa State G	Maurice King	6-3 senior	Kansas
Lionel Smith	6-2 senior	Missouri G	Rex Ekwall	6-4 senior	Nebraska

HONORABLE MENTION: Rodger Egelhoff, Missouri; Eddie Wallace, Kansas State; Gene Elstun; Kansas; Joe King, Oklahoma; Lyle Frahm, Iowa State; Gary Reimers, Nebraska; Dave Mowbray, Colorado.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Gary Thompson, Iowa State.

COACH OF THE YEAR: Tex Winter, Kansas State.

Nationals in Kansas City this coming weekend.

Only a sophomore, the Philadelphia seven footer, is a sure fire bet to improve during his last two seasons as a Jayhawk. He is destined to become one of the greatest basketball players of all times.

Gary Thompson, diminutive Iowa state guard, was unanimous choice for our mythical team. The "shrimp" was the leading Cyclone scorer and led the team to its spot among the nation's leaders.

The Roland, Iowa senior, was an Associated Press selection for All American and will appear in the East-West game in Kansas City on March 26.

While a Jayhawk, Thompson set a new Iowa collegiate career scoring record. Thompson is also out choice as most valuable player in the Big Seven.

Last, but not least on our mythical team is Lionel Smith of Sparky Stallcup's Missouri Tigers. Smith, a threat throughout the season, was picked for the first squad on all but one ballot.

"Night Train", as he is called is a steady performer who is taken too much for granted. He is not the flashy type of ballplayer that are Chamberlain or Thompson, but is high among the Big Seven scoring leaders.

Smith set a new fieldhouse record at Missouri, when he threw in 44 points in an inter-sectional game against Marquette. This was 16 points better than his next high total.

The second team consists of Don Schwall of Oklahoma, Ron Loneski and Maurice King of Kansas, John Crawford of Iowa State and Rex Ekwall of Nebraska.

Schwall, 6'8" sophomore, came alive about half way through the season and finished up as the Spooner high point man. Don will be a threat next year, having had that initial year of varsity experience.

Ron Loneski suffered a painful ankle injury in pre-season practice and did not hit full stride until half way through the season. The "Land of Lincoln" sophomore then began to take up the scoring slack left by Lew Johnson's inability to make the shift from center to forward. He was consistently right behind Chamberlain in scoring, most of his points coming on southpaw one hand jump shots.

King, who was a second team choice last year, was the quarterback of the Jayhawk offense. He is the man responsible to get the ball into Chamberlain and that he does and still finds time to add valuable points to the Kansas offense.



Wilt Chamberlain

Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Rounding out the second five is Rex Ekwall. The Holmesville senior set a new career scoring mark at Nebraska, shattering the old record of Jim Buchanan. Rex added another laurel last weekend when he received the Joe T. Brown sportsmanship award for his fine play.

Receiving honorable mentions

### Block & Bridle Contest

The Block and Bridle Livestock Judging Contest will be held April 6, at 8 a.m. in the Horse Barn judging pavilion.

All Ag College students are eligible to participate. There will be two divisions. The senior division will include the men who have been working out for the Junior livestock judging team while everyone else is included in the junior division.

Ribbons will be given to the high individuals in cattle, hogs and sheep and to the top ten over all.

The high team will receive a traveling plaque.

Farm House was high team in 1956.



Gary Thompson

Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Many thanks to Glenn Kirchoff of Missouri, Tom Emmerson of Iowa State, Roy Heffler and Cliff Parker of Colorado and Kent Briggs of KNUS for helping us compile this team.

### Rex Ekwall Honored

Rex Ekwall, University of Nebraska team captain was awarded the annual Joe T. Brown memorial trophy during the finals of the State Basketball tourney at the coliseum last Saturday night.

The trophy, presented annually to the outstanding University of Nebraska cager of the preceding season, was given to Ekwall by Mrs. Pat Bussey Brown in honor of her husband, Joe Good was the first winner of the award in 1953.

Stau Matzke received the trophy in 1954 and 1955 and Daune Buel in 1956.

### Another Subway Series? . . .

## Brooklyn Picked To Repeat; Alston Has Big Mound Corps

The National League like the junior circuit appears to line up about like last season. Brooklyn, Milwaukee, and Cincinnati are expected to fight it out for the championship, as in 1956, and again the St. Louis Cardinals have an outside chance of coming through.

From here it looks like the Dodgers are again the team to beat. They do have several old-timers on the team but they are not too far over the hill to play good baseball. The Bums also have a good crop of rookies to bolster the squad.

Manager Walt Alston has, as always, a good pitching staff on hand. Seven men could become starters for Brooklyn. Roger Craig, Carl Erskine, Sal Maglie, Don Newcombe and Johnny Podres are already to set fire. Craig only 26 has two years of experience and may really blossom this season. Erskine is always strong and will be looking for his third no-hit game in 1957. The oldest hurler in camp is Maglie, who won 13 games and lost only five after being acquired from Cleveland in early season last year.

Big Newcombe won 27 games last year and then was the big disappointment of the World Series. He should win twenty again this year with ease.

Podres, the World Series hero in 1956, is back after a year in the service. The slick lefty shouldn't have any trouble returning to top form.

The other two possible starters are Karl Spooner and Don Drysdale. Spooner sat out most of last season with arm trouble. A man with terrific speed he could help if his arm is okay. Drysdale is the youngster that everyone is praising in the Brooklyn camp. Only 20-years old he appears headed for stardom. Last year Drysdale had a 5-5 record but posted a good 2.64 ERA.

Alston also has one of the top relief men in the game in Clem Labine. Labine won ten games last season mostly in relief. Fred Kipp up from Montreal has a good chance of sticking with the club. He looked great in games in Japan

last year. Don Bessent also is on hand for relief work.

The catching remains the same as in the past. Roy Campanella and Al Walker are No. 1 and 2 respectively. Campanella hit only .219 last year but he hopes to retain the old eye in 1957. Walker is well thought of by everyone and is a good relief man. Young John Roseboro may stick as a third catcher.

Gil Hodges is back at first base where he hit 32 home runs last season. If anything happens to Hodges, rookie Jim Gentile will be around. Gentile walloped 40 homers and drove in 115 runs with Ft. Worth last year.

Junior Gilliam or Charlie Neal will be at second. Gilliam will get the nod unless he goes to the outfield. He did an outstanding job last year as leadoff man and hit an even 300. Neal in his rookie year hit .287.

Captain Pee Wee Reese is expected to do the bulk of playing at shortstop. He still covers a lot of ground but probably can't go 154 games. Chico Fernandez and Don Zimmer are around to spell him.

Randy Jackson looks like the top third baseman unless Dick Gray shows exceptional ability. With Jackie Robinson gone Jackson should have clear sailing.

The outfield is strong with Sandy Amoros, Carl Furillo and Duke Snider as regulars. This combination batted in almost 250 runs last season. Snider also blasted 43 homers while Furillo had 21 and Amoros 16.

Rookie Don Demeter will be

around to help out as will Gino Cimoli.

Other rookies Bob Darnell, Don Elston, and Bert Hamric could surprise.

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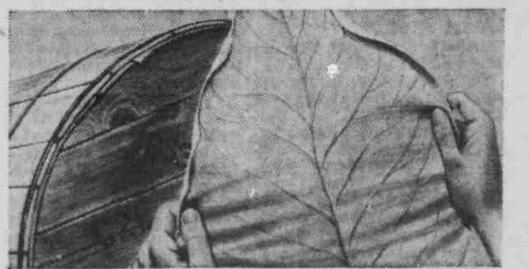
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## Figuring on the future

Thurston B. McLeran, called Mac by his friends, is an engineer with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Decatur, Georgia.

Much of his work is concerned with the future—planning for telephone service to meet predicted demands a year, or five years ahead.

"My biggest job to date," Mac says, "has been engineering additional communications facilities for an airbase and adjoining aircraft factory in our district. This means making field studies of the customer's requirements and planning how new telephone facilities can best meet them. Then I translate this in-

formation into working plans for our construction and installation people. It's a big job, and gives me a lot of responsibility. It's challenging work, too, for an engineer."

Figuring on his own future concerns Mac also. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1952, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He went with the telephone company because of the advancement opportunities it offered. Today, Mac is married and has one child. He looks forward to an interesting career in a growing business where individuals can advance as far as their abilities will take them.

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