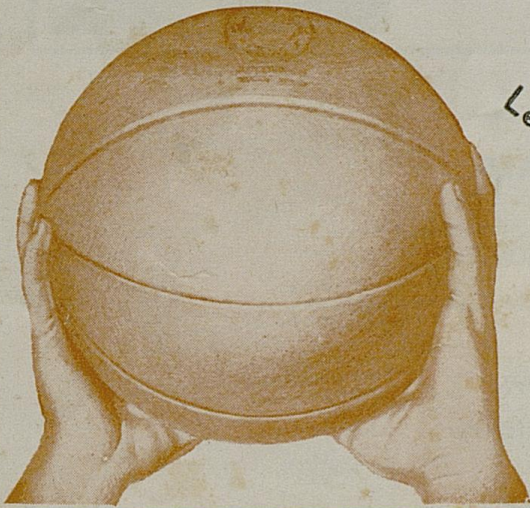
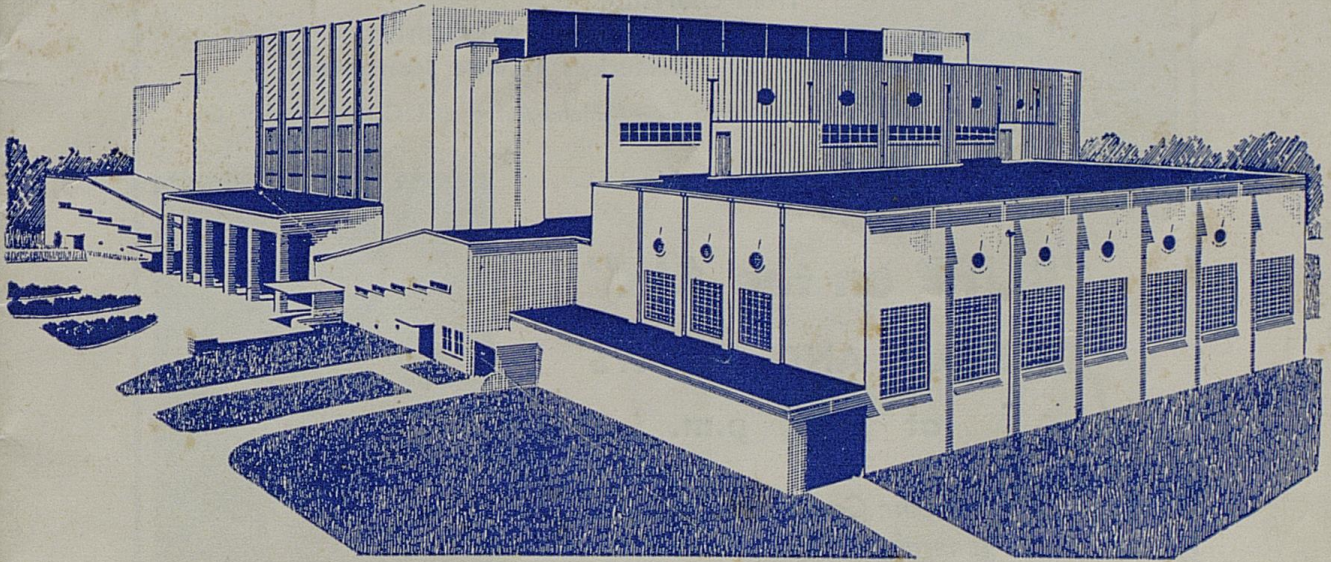


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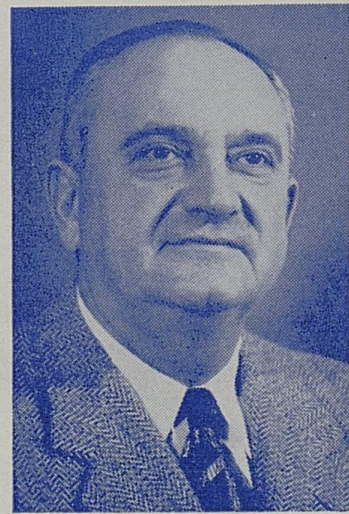
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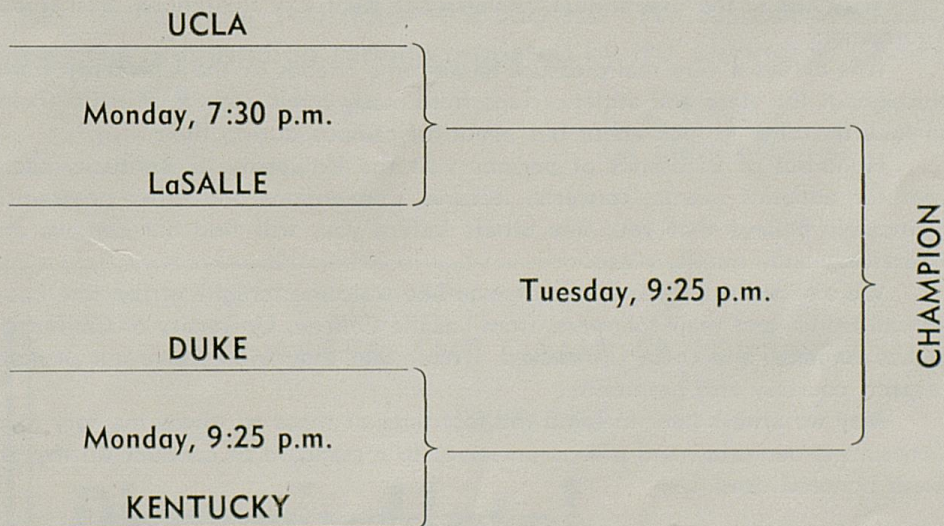
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We also wish to extend a sportsman-like welcome tonight to the fine basketball teams, and their followers, from LaSalle College, University of California at Los Angeles, and Duke University. I trust that they will receive our utmost respect, courtesy and hospitality.

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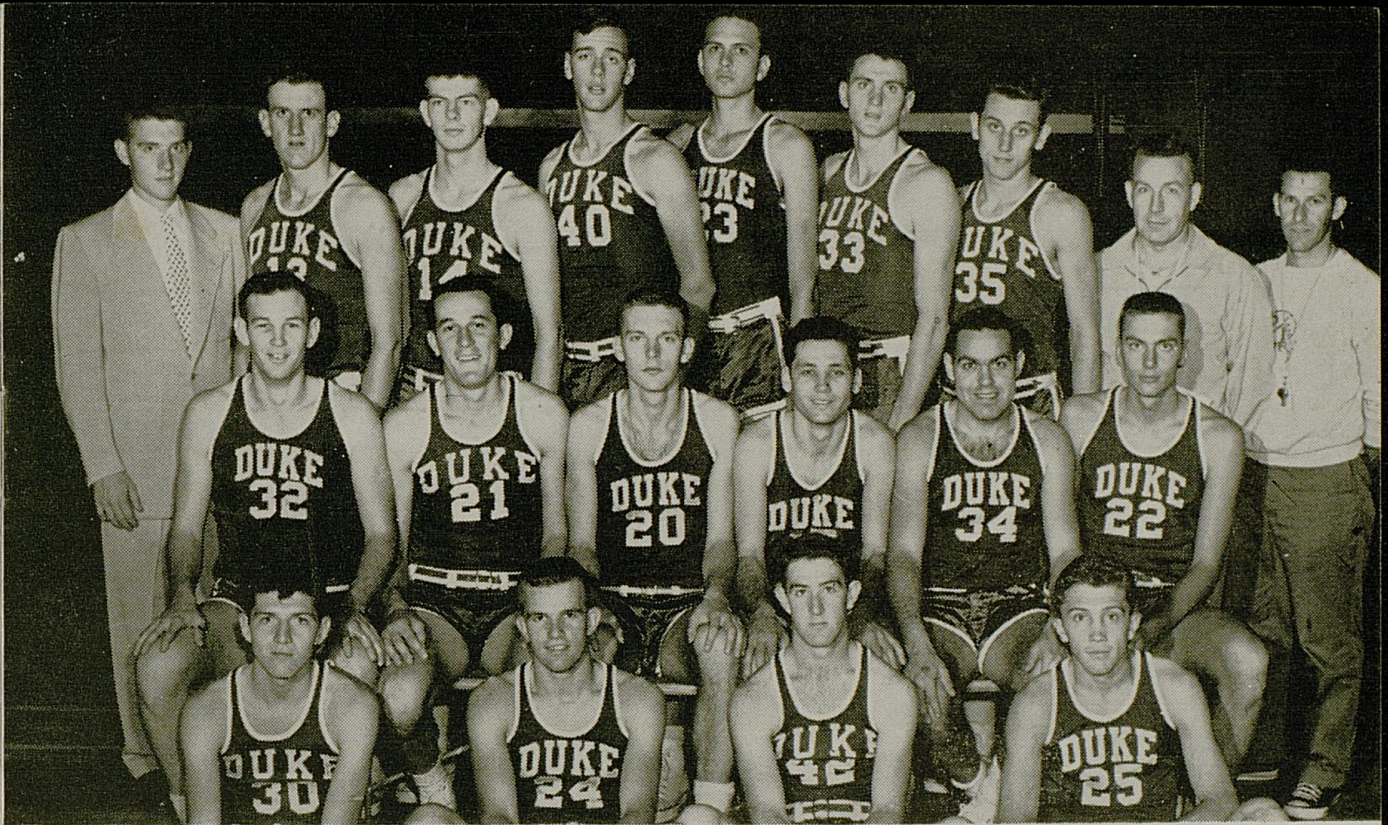
The inaugural feature of the proposed annual tourney succeeds almost beyond the highest expectations in presenting a representative field of inter-sectional opponents, all of whom are ranked among the nation's top 20 basketball elite.

LaSalle's Explorers, recognized as one of the East's major independent cage powers and powered by the great All-America scoring machine, Tom Gola, currently stand 20th in the national polls despite only one mar on their record. The basketball-wise Duke Blue Devils closed with racehorse speed and class at the end of last season and this year are off and running again with only an upset loss to Vanderbilt marked against them. Duke now rates as the nation's 13th best quintet.

Seventeenth-ranked UCLA represents the Pacific Coast and Far West with one of the classiest quintets in the country that might easily walk off with tournament honors if taken too lightly. The Kentucky Wildcats, bidding anew for top national recognition after a year's enforced layoff, occupy the number two spot in cage power indexes close on the heels of defending NCAA champion Indiana and will rate as the probable favorite to cop the tourney title on their home floor, where they have gone undefeated in 112 straight games over an 11-year span.

Groundwork for the invitational tourney was laid nearly two years ago when discussions of long standing culminated in a proposal for a Christmas holidays cage meet in Lexington to replace the season-end Southeastern Conference Tournament in Louisville. Although league officials turned down the original suggestions for an SEC tourney on the Wildcats' floor, new impetus was given plans for a holiday meet by abandonment of the annual SEC Tournament after the 1952 meet and the UK's public statement of athletic policy a few months later prohibiting cage play by Kentucky in most privately-controlled, off-campus arenas.

Selection of teams to take part in the tournament was based on considerations of national reputation in cage circles, potential calibre of play expected this season, and the desire to give the tourney an inter-sectional flavor with a top team representing various parts of the country.



FRONT ROW—Joe Belmont, Tom Blackburn, Hal Turner, Don Sims. SECOND ROW—Charlie Driesell, Rudy Lacy, Bernie Janicki, Rudy D'Emilio, Fred Shabel, Marv Decker. THIRD ROW—Manager Charlie Barr, Herky Lamley, Don Tobin, Jim Duncan, Marty Doherty, Junior Morgan, Ronnie Mayer, Head Coach Harold Bradley, assistant coach Tony Drago.

DUKE UNIVERSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
13	Herky Lamley (c)		Jr.	20	6'4"	195	Havertown, Pa.
14	Don Tobin (f)		Soph.	19	6'5"	185	Avalon, Pa.
15	Rudy D'Emilio (g)		Sr.	21	5'11"	180	Philadelphia, Pa.
20	Bernie Janicki (f)		Sr.	21	6'3"	185	Ambridge, Pa.
21	Rudy Lacy (c)		Sr.	21	6'4"	190	Roanoke, Va.
22	Marv Decker (c)		Sr.	21	6'5"	190	Bloomfield, N. J.
23	Marty Doherty (c)		Soph.	21	6'9"	190	Pelham, N. Y.
25	Don Sims (g)		Soph.	20	5'11"	160	Elizabeth, N. J.
30	Joe Belmont (g)		Soph.	19	5'11"	165	Philadelphia, Pa.
32	Charlie Driesell (f)		Jr.	22	6'4"	190	Norfolk, Va.
33	Junior Morgan (c)		Soph.	20	6'7"	195	Asheboro, N. C.
34	Fred Shabel (g)		Sr.	21	6'	190	Union City, N. J.
35	Ronnie Mayer (f)		Soph.	19	6'4"	185	Avalon, Pa.
42	Hal Turner (g)		Jr.	21	5'10"	170	Englewood, N. J.

COACH—Harold Bradley (3 yrs.—won 62, lost 27)

CO-CAPTAINS—D'Emilio (15) and Janicki (20)

BLUE DEVILS' 1953-54 RECORD—Won 4, Lost 1

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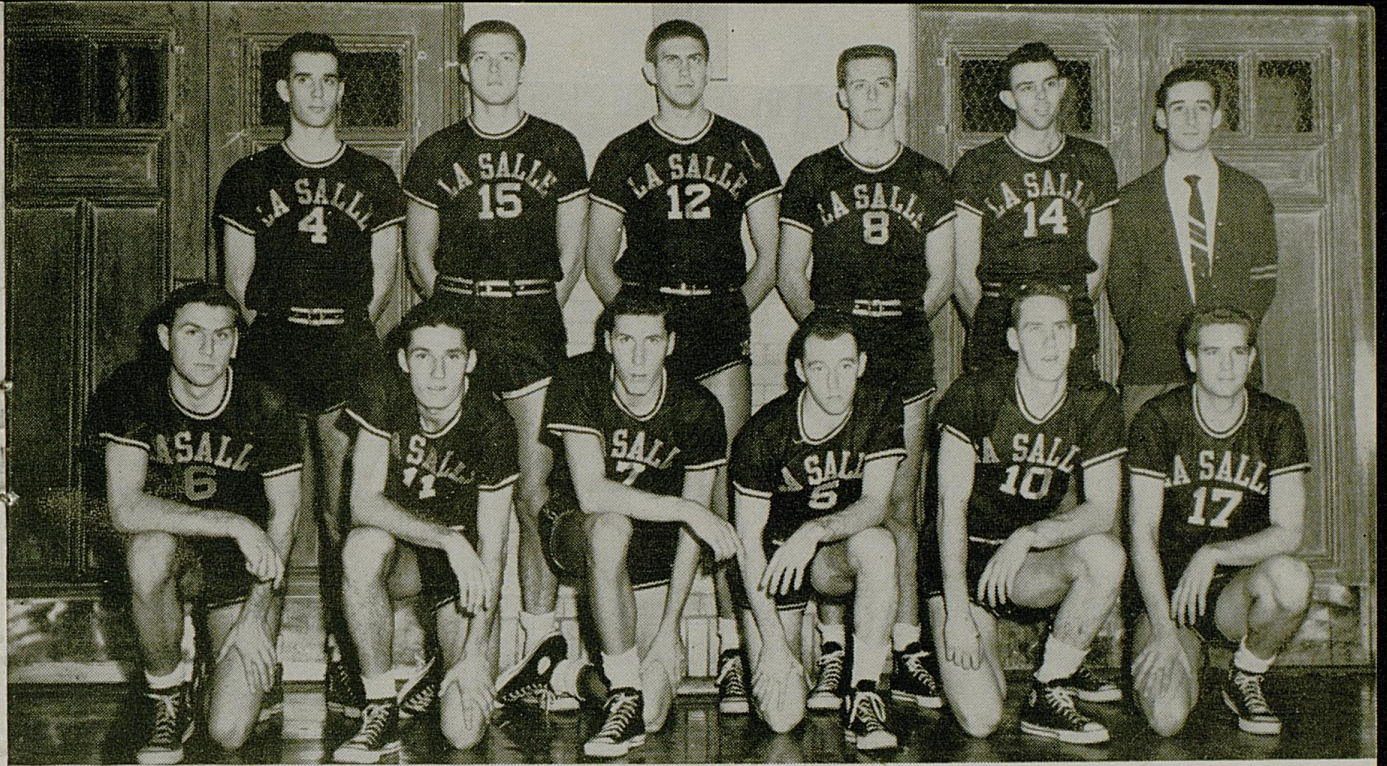
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FRONT ROW (left to right)—Frank Blatcher, Charles Greenberg, Robert Ames, Frank O'Hara, Charles Singley, and Gary Holmes. SECOND ROW—Francis O'Malley, Thomas Gola, John Yodsnukis, Manuel Gomez, Robert Maples, and John Moosebrugger, manager.

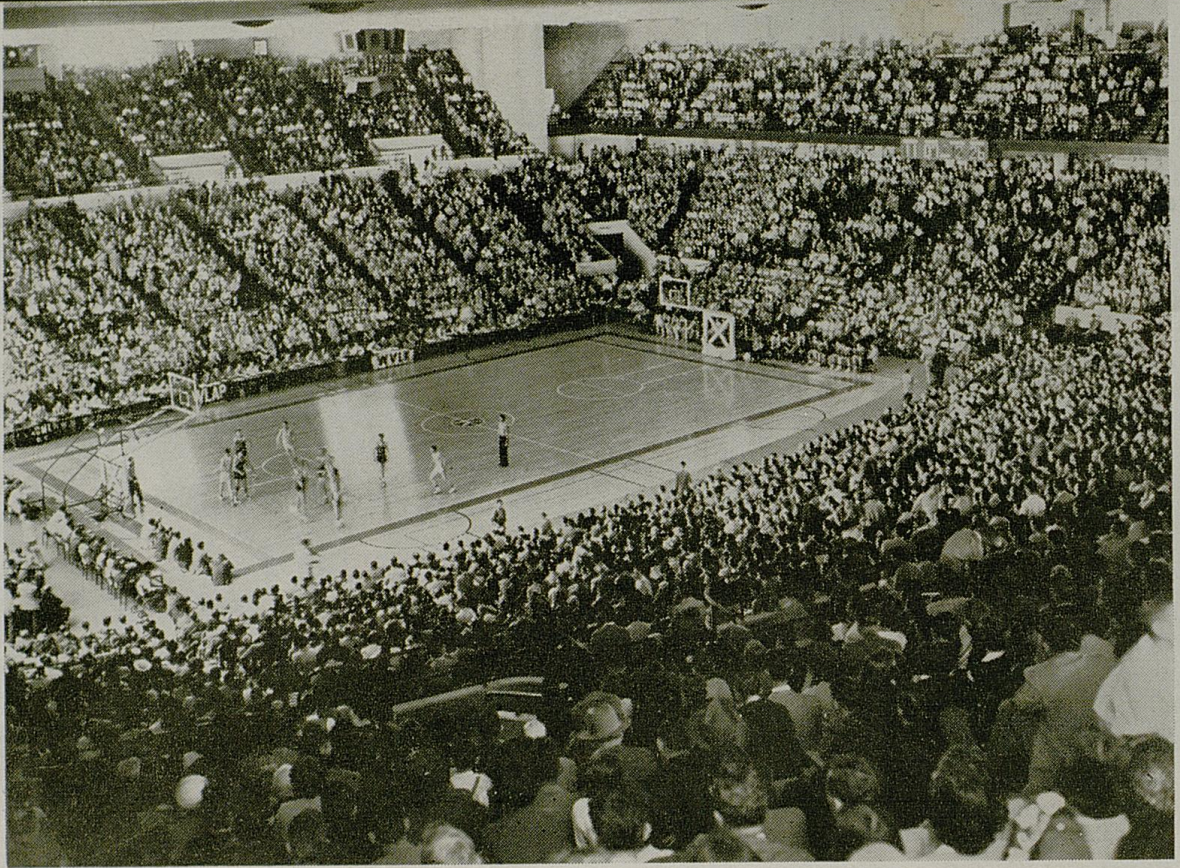
LaSALLE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
3	Frank S. Blatcher (g)		Soph.	24	6'2"	190	Philadelphia, Pa.
4	Francis X. O'Malley (f)		Soph.	19	6'3"	177	Carbondale, Pa.
5	Francis R. O'Hara (g)		Sr.	21	5'9"	155	Philadelphia, Pa.
7	Robert C. Ames (f)		Soph.	19	6'3"	175	Philadelphia, Pa.
8	Manuel Gomez (c)		Soph.	19	6'5"	190	Forest Hills, L. I.
9	Francis X. Finegan (g)		Jr.	21	6'	170	Philadelphia, Pa.
10	Charles A. Singley (f)		Soph.	18	6'3"	175	Philadelphia, Pa.
11	Charles W. Greenberg (g)		Soph.	20	6'2"	170	Philadelphia, Pa.
12	John J. Yodsnukis (c)		Soph.	22	6'7"	228	Warrior Run, Pa.
14	Robert S. Maples (c)		Soph.	23	6'5"	178	Elmhurst, Ill.
15	Thomas J. Gola (g)		Jr.	20	6'7"	207	Philadelphia, Pa.
17	Gary J. Holmes (f)		Soph.	19	6'1"	160	Lansdowne, Pa.

COACH—Kenneth Loeffler (4 yrs.—won 93, lost 21)

KEY MAN—Gola (15)

EXPLORERS' 1953-54 RECORD—Won 4, Lost 1



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—DR. H. L. DONOVAN
President



FRONT ROW (left to right)—Lindy Kell, Ron Livingston, and Courtney Borio. SECOND ROW—Doug Sale, assistant coach; Denny Miller, Hank Steinman, Morris Taft, Eddie White, Bob Ballard, Al Schiff, student manager. THIRD ROW—John Wooden, head coach; Ron Bane, Don Bragg, John Moore, Mike Hibler, Willie Naulls, Dick Ridgway, Mark Costello, and Elvin "Ducky" Drake, team trainer.

UCLA ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
22	Taft, Morris	(g)	Soph.	20	6'2"	179	Los Angeles
25	Livingston, Ron	(g)	Sr.	21	5'10"	162	San Gabriel
32	Moore, John	(f)	Jr.	21	6'5"	198	Gary, Ind.
33	Naulls, William	(c)	Soph.	19	6'5"	230	Los Angeles
35	Hibler, Mike	(c)	Sr.	21	6'7"	200	N. Hollywood
42	Bane, Ron	(c-f)	Jr.	20	6'2"	200	Alhambra
43	White, Eddie	(g)	Jr.	19	6'2"	185	Lomita
44	Costello, Mark	(f)	Jr.	21	6'2"	198	San Gabriel
45	Miller, Denny	(g)	Soph.	19	6'4"	193	Los Angeles
52	Bragg, Don	(f)	Jr.	20	6'4"	180	San Francisco
54	Ridgway, Dick	(f)	Sr.	22	6'4"	200	Los Angeles
55	Steinman, Hank	(f)	Sr.	21	6'2"	180	Los Angeles

COACH—John Wooden (5 yrs.—won 104, lost 44)
 KEY MEN—Bragg (52), Livingston (25), and Moore (32)
 THE BRUINS' 1953-54 RECORD—Won 4, Lost 0



FRONT ROW—Coach Adolph Rupp, Linville Puckett, Jess Curry, Gayle Rose, Clay Evans, Willie Rouse (out for season due to knee injury), Dan Chandler, Pete Grigsby, and Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster. BACK ROW—Student Manager Mike Dolan, Hugh Coy, Cliff Hagan, Lou Tsiropoulos, Jerry Bird, Phil Grawemeyer, Harold Hurst, Bill Bibb, Frank Ramsey, and Bill Evans.

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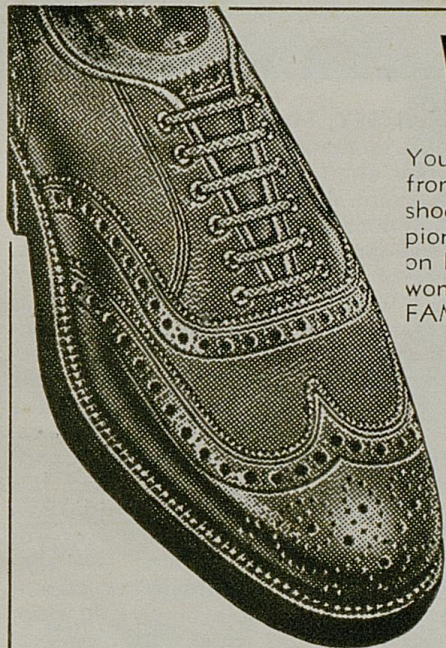
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6	Hagan, Cliff (c)		Sr.	22	6'4"	200	Owensboro, Ky.
16	*Tsiropoulos, Lou (f)		Sr.	22	6'5"	200	Lynn, Mass.
20	*Rose, Gayle (g)		Jr.	20	6'	155	Paris, Ky.
22	Bird, Jerry (f-c)		Soph.	18	6'6"	200	Corbin, Ky.
25	Grigsby, Pete (g)		Soph.	18	5'10"	165	Martin, Ky.
30	*Ramsey, Frank (g)		Sr.	22	6'3"	185	Madisonville, Ky.
32	Evans, Clay (g)		Soph.	18	5'9"	165	Flemingsburg, Ky.
33	Puckett, Linville (g)		Soph.	19	6'	165	Winchester, Ky.
34	Coy, Hugh (f)		Soph.	18	6'1"	185	Richmond, Ky.
35	Curry, Jess (g)		Soph.	20	5'11"	167	Portsmouth, Va.
37	Hurst, Harold (c)		Soph.	19	6'7"	190	Waltersville, Ky.
42	*Evans, Bill (f)		Jr.	20	6'1"	170	Berea, Ky.
44	Grawemeyer, Phil (f)		Soph.	18	6'7"	180	Louisville, Ky.
66	Bibb, Bill (f)		Soph.	19	6'4"	180	Owensboro, Ky.
73	Chandler, Dan (g)		Soph.	18	5'11"	160	Versailles, Ky.

* 1951-52 Lettermen.

COACH—Adolph Rupp (23 yrs.—won 471, lost 82)

CO-CAPTAINS—Hagan (6) and Ramsey (30)

THE WILDCATS' 1953-54 RECORD—Won 3, Lost 0



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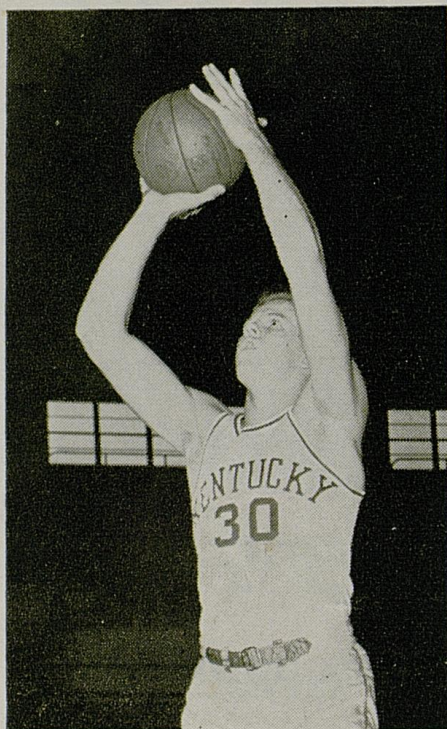
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KENTUCKY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1953-54

	UK	Opp.		
1953			Jan. 16—	Tulane Home
Dec. 5—			Jan. 23—	Tennessee Away
Dec. 12—			Jan. 30—	Vanderbilt Away
Dec. 14—			Feb. 2—	Georgia Tech Louisville
Dec. 18—			Feb. 4—	Georgia Home
Dec. 21, 22—			Feb. 6—	Georgia Owensboro
University of Ky. Invitational Tourn. (Duke, U.C.L.A., LaSalle, and Kentucky)			Feb. 8—	Florida Away
Dec. 28—			Feb. 13—	Mississippi Home
			Feb. 15—	Mississippi State Home
			Feb. 18—	Tennessee Home
			Feb. 20—	DePaul Away
1954			Feb. 22—	Vanderbilt Home
Jan. 4—			Feb. 27—	Auburn Away
Jan. 9—			Mar. 1—	Alabama Away
Jan. 11—				

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Dec. 18—	St. Louis	Away
Dec. 21, 22—	University of Ky. Invitational Tourn. (Duke, U.C.L.A., LaSalle, and Kentucky)	Home
Dec. 28—	Minnesota—\$2.50	Home
1954		
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Jan. 11—	DePaul—\$2.50	Home
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Jan. 30—	Vanderbilt	Away
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Feb. 4—	Georgia—\$2.00	Home
Feb. 6—	Georgia	Owensboro
Feb. 8—	Florida	Away
Feb. 13—	Mississippi—\$2.00	Home
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Mar. 1—	Alabama	Away



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