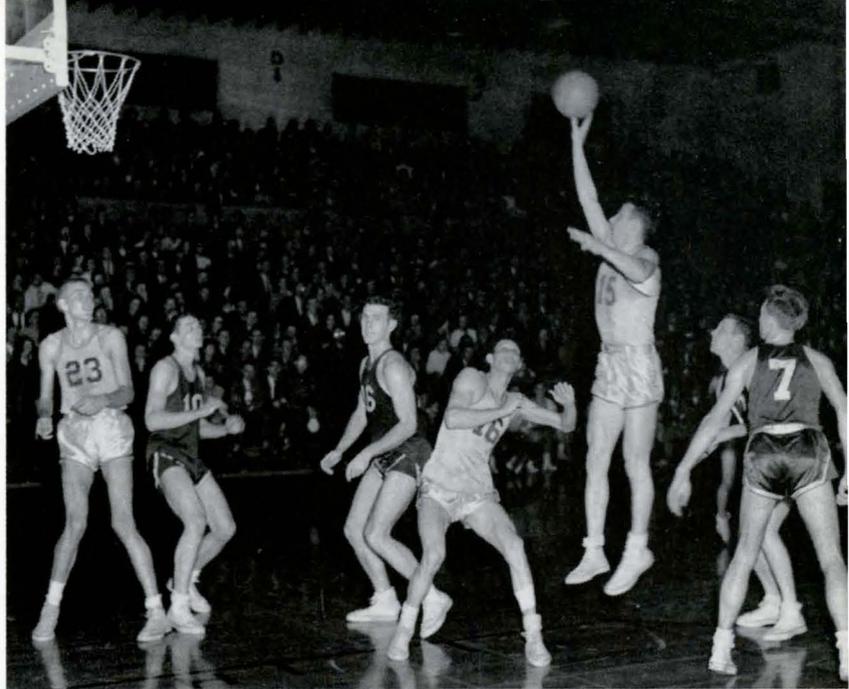


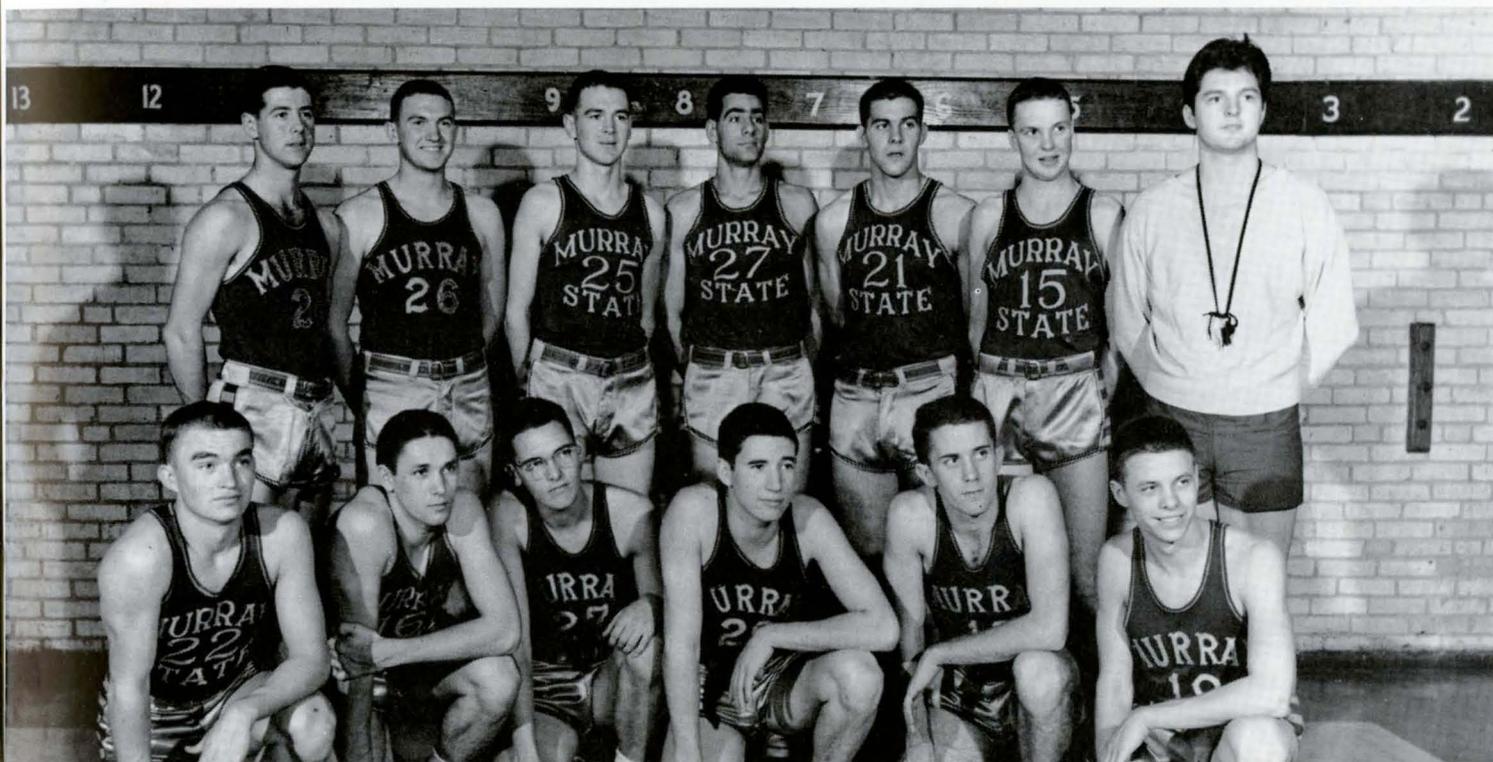
their pace, however. In the opening game of the OVC Tournament, the Blue and Gold, although rather sluggish, vanquished Tennessee Tech for the third time. Their second round foe was Western, and in a heart-stopper if there ever was one, the Thoroughbreds again triumphed, by one slim point.

In the final game Murray met Eastern, twice their conqueror in regular season play. For a while it looked as though Eastern might beat the Breds once again. Until the last five minutes of the game the lead changed hands 22 times and the score was tied 16 times. But in those fading moments the Big Blue asserted themselves; Eastern was smothered and the scoreboard showed a Murray victory.

In this pay-off struggle Murray's 92 points set a new tournament single-game record, and the two-team mark of 175 shattered another. A new individual tournament record was set by Garrett Beshear, Murray's amazing 28-year-old sophomore, who poured in 37 points in the final game. Over the entire season Beshear broke the Thoroughbreds' all-time individual scoring record with a total of 366. The team scored 1,927 points for the season,



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breaking the previous record of 1,465, set in 1941. They made an average of 71.4 points per game, and held an average margin of 9.5 over their opponents. Gene Garrett set new Murray records for the number of free throws made in a season and in a game.

The All-OVC Tournament Team included Garrett Beshear, Bennie Purcell, and Gene Garrett. Beshear and Purcell were also picked for the all-star team at the Marshall tourney. Purcell received honorable mention on the United Press All-American squad. It is impossible, however, to name certain men as heroes of the team. The three seniors—Madison Stanford, Don Stephenson, and Gene Dick

—will be remembered for their outstanding play, both in this and previous seasons, as long as there is a Murray basketball team.

Great things will be expected next year from Melvin Deweese, Charlie Lampley, J. M. Gipe, and Mason Cope. A highly encouraging factor concerning the hopes of the '51-'52 Breds is the record of Zadia Herrold's junior varsity team. The Jayvees lost only one of their starts, and featured several players who appear capable of taking berths in the top ten next year.

And as for next year's prediction? Here goes: Murray will again be riding high as king of OVC basketball.