**Bears off to Big 7 tournament**

- **OOPS, FARDON MIST—**a shot from the game against Little Rock in which the Grizzlies won their Big 7 championship by defeating the Tigers 68-63. Larry Whitley (13) and Earl Furlow go up for the ball while Frank Wiggins (15) and Galt Gaitis wait for the tip-off.

(Photograph by Angel)

18 teams scheduled to meet in state tourney play-off

- **EIGHTEEN TEAMS are scheduled to meet in the five-day state tournament play-offs to be staged in Little Rock next Monday through Friday.**

This year’s host is the Big 7, which has invited eight of the nine teams in Arkansas to send their top flight teams to the state-wide meet.

There are 14 teams receiving first day byes while the Big 7 representatives will clash with the champions and co-champions of District 2.

In ORDER to win the state finals, a team must play a rugged five-game schedule, including meeting the Big 7 teams, who are considered the strongest entrants. The Big 7 representatives will not play each other during the preliminaries of the state meet but will play the champions and co-champions in the head-to-head in the tournament finals.

Last year’s state champions, Jonesboro, are the only new entrants in the tournament.

**Inkslingers capture intramural trophy**

- **IT TOOK two overtime periods before the scrappy Inkslingers could overcome the Truckers yesterday in the intramural championship play-offs, 24-23. This was the first defeat of the intramural season for the Truckers.**

Captain Paul Johnson proved to be the hero for the Truckers, scoring 18 points. Bob Goldberg counted for three and Junior Cagle one. Other Inkslingers were Frank Hampton, Lester Lear, Ralph Blanton, Don Bates and Larry Braddy.

The Truckers were never far behind as Melvin Bell controlled the backboards and put in eight points. Bill Needleman bucketed three, Chester Guy, Wendell Nance and Bob Stoddard rounded out the Truckster quintet.

**FAIRLY straightforward victory for the underdog Bear**

- **ONCE of the state’s outstanding young coaches, Clarence “Ace” Parker, and his Big 7-champ Grizzlies have captured that much sought-after title—the Big 7 tournament beginning tonight in Hot Springs.**

Coach’s favorite Brunner, Larry Holt, and the local Bears will see their first tournament victory a try in the following state play-offs.

**PAIRINGS for tonight’s one-game elimination system will pit Little Rock against Pine Bluff in the upper bracket, North Little Rock versus Texarkana in the lower bracket, and Hot Springs versus El Dorado.**

The winner of the lower bracket, if the local Bears will see their first tournament action against the winner of the Little Rock-Pine Bluff bout, while the winner of the upper Thursday night games will tangle with each other Friday. All games in the tourney finals the following night.

**Predictions for the finals in the tournament are that the Bears will meet the Grizzlies for the championship—North Little Rock Wildcats. Since the state does not have a basketball powerhouse outside the Big 7, it would make a smooth road to the finals of the state tournament for Coach Parker’s boys, if they win their first Big 7 tournament game.**

Coach Parker’s 10-2 conference record this year is an identical repeat of last year’s co-championship efforts and further cement the Grizzlies’ brilliant six-year record. Whilebullet Fort Smith into a basketball dictatorship, Coach Parker has compiled a record that includes a state championship, a Big 7 tournament and a co-championship.

Coach White announces 1955 grid schedule

- **THE 1955 football schedule, announced by Athletic Director Dr. Homer White, is as follows:**

  - September 9th, 7 p.m. — El Dorado, September 16th, 7 p.m. — Pulaski County, October 1st, 7 p.m. — North Little Rock.

**FSHS athletes turn to track as basketball season ends**

- **HERE are seven returning seniors who will be thrown into the spotlight this season.**

  - **As SPRINGTIME arrives in Bruin land, many FSHS athletes turn their attention to the track and field.**

  - **The track and field team is comprised entirely of seniors.**

  - **One of the scrubs’ four losses was at the hands of the Fort Smith Junior High Cubs. Next year these Cubs are expected to make a great addition to the Bruin track and field teams.**

  - **Have you ever seen a square circle thrower? Well, there’s one on this year’s Bruin track team.**

  - **Springfield, Missouri, has this track and field team, and it is the only time there is a team with this kind of track.**

  - **If man power and returning letterman could win this year’s track slate, the Bruin thin clads would make it with ease. In all, there are eight returning letterman on the squad.**

  - **Among those returning, senior letterman who are going into their third season with Coach Van Beeveld are: Mark Foster, Tom Cutting and Butch Fox. Junior Van Beeveld, Big 7 shot put and discus record holder Charles Moss and hurdlers Bob Dunlap and Bob Moore.**

  - **Also showing possibilities are junior letterman Tom Flock in the short sprints and relays, Eddie Jeter, half-mile and quarter-mile; Jarrell and Darrell Williams, soph stars working for a position on the half-mile to the hurdle team, and Ronald Ray and Don Duckworth, who will command the pole vault pit.**

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