

Basketball Reins to Norm Stewart

The mission of Mizzou's new basketball coaching staff, headed by former Tiger All-America Norm Stewart, is clear-cut.

It must recruit and develop players whose individual success in the Big Eight will parallel that of their new coaches. Stewart and his aides, Roy DeWitz and Bob Price, were all-league standouts during their playing careers.

Stewart won first-team all-American honors in 1956 while DeWitz was a Fifth District all-American choice at Kansas State in 1958. Price won all conference backcourt honors at Mizzou in 1963-64. Freshman coach for the Tigers, Price guided his young charges to a 6-2 record this past season.

DeWitz, picked as the Wildcats' most inspirational player as a senior, joined the Tiger staff late last month after one year as head coach at Augustana (S.D.) College. There he boosted Augustana's sagging program to a 13-12 mark. The previous season's record was 1-21. His other experience includes two years as assistant at Kansas State and six years at Manhattan (Kan.) High School.

Stewart came to the University as a freshman from Shelbyville, Mo., where he won all-state basketball recognition in 1952. He captained Tiger basketball teams in 1955 and 1956, was a Big Eight all-conference player in the 1954-55 and 1955-56 seasons, and led the Conference in scoring for the 1955-56 season. In his senior year he was selected on the Helms All-American team. As a baseball pitcher he was a member of the 1954 Tiger N.C.A.A. champions.

After brief careers in professional baseball with the Baltimore Orioles and in basketball with the St. Louis Hawks, Stewart returned to the University for four years as assistant basketball and assistant baseball coach. Since 1962 Stewart has been head basketball coach at the State College of Iowa.

In his Iowa position, he coached State to a fourth-place finish in the N.C.A.A. small college tournament of 1963-64 and produced the only two basketball all-American players in the school's history.

Stewart, 32, holds Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Education degrees from the University here. His wife, the former Virginia Zimmerly of Kansas City, also is a Missouri graduate. The Stewarts have three children, two sons and a daughter.



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Spring Game

Laying the groundwork for a 1967 schedule that includes SMU, Northwestern and Arizona as non-league foes, Tiger footballers are in the midst of their 20 spring workouts. The practices will be climaxed by an intra-squad game on May 6.

Coach Dan Devine, putting together his 10th squad at Mizzou, is looking especially hard for halfbacks, both offensively and defensively. Biggest position switch sent 280-pound Russ Washington from defensive end to offensive tackle.

His coaching staff has an addition: Vic Rapp, an assistant the last two years at the University of Arizona. Rapp was hired as offensive end coach and chief scout.

Pros Draft Six

Six Missouri players, the most of any Big Eight school, were drafted by the professional football leagues last month.

Earl Denny was the first Tiger tabbed, being picked as a flanker by Minnesota in the third round.

Others chosen were Charlie Brown, flanker, New Orleans; Jim Whitaker, defensive back, Miami; Bill Powell, linebacker, Green Bay; Skip Grossnickle, defensive back, New Orleans; and Bill Bates, kicker, New York.