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NOTE

The Minneapolis Lakers are deeply indebted to Bill Carlson, sports writer of the Minneapolis Star who has covered the Lakers for ten years. Bill started and kept up-to-date most of the records appearing in this brochure. Without his cooperation and efforts over the years, this brochure would have been impossible.

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MINNEAPOLIS LAKER ROSTER

1956-57 - 10th Season

No.	Name	Pos.	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Home	College
11	Jim Paxson	F	24	6-6	205	Dayton, Ohio	Dayton, U.
15	Dick Schnittker	F	27	6-5	205	Minneapolis	Ohio State
16	Dick Garmaker	F-G	24	6-3	205	Hibbing, Minn.	Minnesota
18	Chuck Mencil	G	23	5-11	185	Eau Claire, Wis.	Minnesota
19	Vern Mikkelsen	F-C	28	6-7	230	Minneapolis	Hamline U.
20	Whitey Skoog	G	30	5-11½	185	Minneapolis	Minnesota
21	Bob Leonard	G	24	6-3	185	Terre Haute, Ind.	Indiana
22	Slater Martin	G	31	5-10	170	Houston, Texas	Texas U.
23	Ed Kalafat	F	24	6-6	245	St. Paul, Minn.	Minnesota
33	Bob Williams	F-C	25	6-6½	225	Pensacola, Fla.	Florida A&M
34	Clyde Lovellette	C	27	6-9	235	Terre Haute, Ind.	Kansas U.

Coach - John Kundla (10th season) Minnesota, St. Thomas, Lakers

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COACH JOHN KUNDLA PREVIEWS THE 1956-57 MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS

The quality of the 1956-57 Minneapolis Lakers is honestly unknown. There are several "IFS," which, if known now, would enable a person to better examine and evaluate the coming season, our tenth anniversary.

1.) IF rookie guard Bob Leonard from Indiana can come up to the form he displayed while leading the Hoosiers to two Big Ten titles and one NCAA championship three and four years ago, our backcourt situation should be improved. Leonard is a deadeye long shot and a deft passer. His two years of service ball at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, have kept him in top condition.

2.) IF another newcomer, 6-6 Jim Paxson of Dayton, can add scoring punch to our forward attack and grab his share of rebounds, we should have a more balanced offense than last winter. Paxson, also a two-year service veteran during which time he played on the United States Pan-American Games' entry, is a rugged customer, hitting the scales at 205.

3.) IF Vern Mikkelsen, usually our workhorse, can "re-find" himself after two below-par seasons. Mik's shoulder injury, sustained during the 1954-55 campaign, became so painful last year that he often had difficulty raising his arm above his shoulder. This summer he submitted to a corrective operation and both he and the doctor are extremely pleased with the results. We need his scoring and rebounding.

4.) IF Clyde Lovellette continues the improvement he showed last year, especially scoring-wise, we should be able to score on any team. Clyde's new attitude and loss of weight were big factors a year ago.

5.) IF Slater Martin returns and if he hasn't lost any of his playmaking ability, we'll have a backcourt of Martin, Leonard, Whitey Skoog, Chuck Mencil and Dick Garmaker that I'll match with any in the NBA.

6.) IF big Ed Kalafat can improve his scoring and cut down his fouling, he will add much to our front zone. Ed came along rapidly last year and showed great potential in many games. He's extremely fast for a man weighing 245 pounds.

7.) IF Dick Garmaker and Chuck Mencil, second year men, can further adjust themselves to the pro game and add some scoring punch, we will have a pair of capable guards. Garmaker can also play forward.

8.) IF 6-6½ Bob Williams, who came to us with terrific notices last season, has learned to play defense and can improve his shooting, he could surprise a lot of people. He's in top condition after having started individual drills two months ago (about August 1st).

As far as weaknesses, we definitely could use another big man to back up Lovellette. Clyde loves to play the distance but we can't take a chance because of fouls. Mikkelsen can play center, his college position, but he's more effective at forward where he can drive.

We also need defensive improvement and less fouling. These were our two biggest weaknesses a year ago.

An overall evaluation is difficult because of these "IFS." It's just too early to know. However, I AM OPTIMISTIC. If I wasn't, I wouldn't be in professional basketball.

(5)  
DICK GARMAKER

Position - Forward, Guard  
Age - 24 on October 29, 1956  
Height - 6-3½  
Weight - 205  
Home - Hibbing, Minnesota

Nationality - Croatian  
Wife - Darlene, no children  
College - 2 years at Hibbing  
Junior College ('50-'51, '51-'52)  
2 years at Minnesota ('53-'54,  
'54-'55)  
Nickname - "Gar"

Pro Experience - 1 year

Garmaker graduated from Hibbing High School in 1950...then went to Hibbing Junior College for 2 years(1950-51 and 1951-52) where he led HJC to finals of National Junior College Tourney in 1951...transferred to Minnesota in 1952 but had to wait one full year because of Big Ten transfer rule...competed for Ozzie Cowles at Gopherville in 1953-54 and 1954-55...called by Cowles "one of my greatest players."...holds following 9 Minnesota scoring records:

- 1.) Most points for 12 conference games-279 (1953-54)
- 2.) Most points for 14 conference games-348 (1954-55)
- 3.) Most points for any conference schedule-348 (1954-55)
- 4.) Most points for season-533 (1954-55)
- 5.) Most points for single conference game-37 (at Ill., Jan. 2, '54)
- 6.) Most free throws in one season-181 (1953-54)
- 7.) Best FG shooting average, single game-.764(13 of 17 atts.)  
(at Illinois, January 2, 1954)
- 8.) Best season shooting average in conference games-.456  
(104 of 228 atts. - 1953-54)
- 9.) Most consecutive free throws, one game-13 (vs. Indiana, Jan. 10, 1955)

Was leading scorer both years at Minnesota with 475 and 533 points, respectively, for 21.6 and 24.2 averages in 1953-54 and 1954-55..... selected twice to coaches' All-Conference team...played forward in college...gained honorable mention on several All-American squads... played in East-West Shrine basketball game in 1955...played several games against Harlem Globetrotters during spring of 1955...played on College All-Star squad against pros a year ago...gained football letter at Hibbing JC...co-captain(with Laker Chuck Mencil) of Gophers in 1954-55...earned BS degree in physical education...was ROTC student...member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity...got basketball start playing alley ball in grade school...wife, Darlene, is senior high school art teacher at Patrick Henry in Minneapolis...Catholic... Lakers drafted Gar when he was junior to assure his availability... good jump or long shot...needs defensive improvement...

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FT%	PF	TP	AVE	
1955-56	68	138	112	27	127	388	5.7	Total as
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FT%	PF	TP	AVE	Pro: 418
1955-56	3	7	16	1	8	30	10.0	pts.

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 19 - Mar. 1, 1956 at Phil.(M-102 P-100).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 13 - Mar. 19, 1956 at Mpls(M-133 SL-75).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 19 - Mar. 1, 1956 at Phil.(M-102 P-100).

Played first Laker game November 5, 1955 at St. Louis.  
First game of 1956-57 season will be Garmaker's 8th consecutive and 73rd as Laker.

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ED KALAFAT

Position - Forward  
Age - 24 on October 13, 1956  
Height - 6-6  
Weight - 245  
Home - St. Paul, Minnesota

Nationality - Croatian  
Wife - Judy  
Children - Kathy, 1  
College - Minnesota(1950-1954)  
Nickname - "Big Ed"

Pro Experience - 2 years

Kalafat graduated from Anaconda, Montana, Senior High School in 1950 ...was four sport star at Anaconda(pitcher and first base in baseball, center in basketball, end, tackle and fullback in football, discus and 880 relay in track)...rated Montana's greatest all-around high school athlete...received basketball start when his father built a basketball court for the neighborhood when Ed was youngster...28 different colleges and universities tried to lure Kalafat...Minnesota won out and Ed became 3-year basketball letterwinner(1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54) under coach Ozzie Cowles...scored 954 points during Gopher career(349 for 15.9 ave. in '51-'52; 341 for 15.5 ave. in '52-'53; 264 for 12.0 ave. in '53-'54)...selected to Big Ten's All-Conference second team as sophomore and junior and gained honorable mention as senior...ranked 9th, 7th and 14th, respectively, in Big Ten scoring...played in East-West Shrine Game(Kansas City), East-West Game(New York) and College All-Star squad against pros...basketball captain at Minnesota in 1953-54...rates his 30 point outburst against St. Louis' Cliff Hagan(then with Kentucky) when a sophomore in 1951-52 as greatest basketball game...earned BS degree in physical education...member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity(Garmaker, also)...played at Minnesota in 1952-53 and 1953-54 with Mencil and in 1953-54 with Garmaker...received reserve Army commission as 2nd Lt. in Quartermaster Corps in July, 1955 but has not yet served actively...lists music and dogs as hobbies...plays piano and accordion...heftiest of Lakers and perhaps of entire NBA at 245 pounds...Catholic...rated "most improved" Laker at various times by coach John Kundla last year...fast and agile for big man...worked for Minneapolis bank this summer...recipient of New York Giant football contract last year(didn't sign!)...valued more for defending and rebounding than scoring...Lakers' policeman...would like radio-TV career in future.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE	
1954-55	72	118	111	57	205	347	4.8	
1955-56	72	194	186	66	236	574	8.0	Total as
Totals	144	312	297	123	441	921	6.4	Pro: 961
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE	
1954-55	7	2	3	7	16	7	1.0	
1955-56	3	9	15	4	13	33	11.0	
Totals	10	11	18	11	29	40	4.0	pts.

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 21 - Mar.14, 1956 at Mpls.(M-100 FtW-96).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 14 - Mar.19, 1956 at Mpls.(M-133 StL-75).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 21 - March 14, 1956 at Mpls.(M-100 FtW-96).

Played first Laker game in fall of 1954. Has never missed a game as a Laker. First game of 1956-57 season will be 156th straight.

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BOB LEONARD (page 1)

Position - Guard  
Age - 24 on July 17, 1956  
Height - 6-3  
Weight - 185  
Home - Terre Haute, Indiana

Nationality - Irish  
Wife - Nancy Ann  
Children - Terryl Lynn (9-4-56)  
College - Indiana (1950-54)  
Nickname - "Bob"

Pro Experience: Rookie

Leonard graduated from Gerstmeyer High School in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1950...played 3 yrs. of varsity basketball under coach Howard Sharpe...scored 1800 pts. in those 3 yrs...52 pts. was highest output for single high school game...All-State selection 2 yrs...leading scorer in all-time basketball history of Gerstmeyer High School...selected Louisville Courier Player-of-the-Year in 1950...also participated in track(miler), baseball(shortstop) and tennis in high school...was Terre Haute High School tennis champion in 1949 and 1950...enrolled at Indiana in 1950 and went on to become their greatest basketball product...Jim Enright, Big Ten referee and Chicago American sportswriter, once wrote, "This fellow Leonard is to basketball what Robin Roberts is to baseball, Ben Hogan to golf and Eddie Arcaro to horse racing. Pound-for-pound, dribble-for-dribble, pass-for-pass, and shot-for-shot, Bob is without question the game's greatest individual player in my book."...played 3 yrs. of varsity ball at Indiana under coach Branch McCracken...always a guard...Leonard credits his start in basketball, which he says has been "my whole life," to a group of Marine vets of World War II with whom he started playing alley ball and to McCracken, who taught him the two-handed set shot and taught him the value of good defense...Indiana teams Leonard played on won the Big Ten title in 1952-53 and 1953-54 and the NCAA title in 1953...Leonard was All-Big Ten in '53 and '54 and All-NCAA in '53...fourth leading scorer in Big Ten in '53 and fifth in '54...Leonard's list of honors from college basketball looks like who's

- 1.) All-Big Ten ('53 and '54)
- 2.) Look Magazine All-American ('54)
- 3.) Chuck Taylor's All-American ('53 and '54)
- 4.) Colliers All-American ('54)
- 5.) United Press All-American ('53 and '54)
- 6.) Associated Press All-American ('53 and '54)
- 7.) All-NCAA tournament team ('54)

Leonard also played in East-West All-Star game at Madison Square Garden in 1954, was a member of the College All-Star Globetrotter tour in 1954 and played in two Kentucky-Indiana senior All-Star games, one at Louisville, Ky. and the second at Indianapolis, Ind. in 1954... was basketball captain in 1952-53 and 1953-54...recalls playing against Bob Pettit twice while in college(NCAA finals of 1953: Pettit hit 29 pts. and Leonard 22. East West All-Star game of 1954: Pettit hit 20 pts. and Leonard 22 - Leonard named MVP of game)...considers Pettit(because he's the most agile big man) and Frank Selvy(one of the greatest shooters) the greatest players he's ever played against...rates Kentucky's Ralph Beard the greatest player he's every played with(Beard could hit from outside with two-handed set and was great driver and the best defensive man Leonard ever saw)...rates Indiana's 1953 NCAA title(Leonard was junior) his greatest basketball thrill... Leonard was discharged September 21, 1956 from the Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri after 24 months active duty...rank was specialist

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BOB LEONARD (page 2)

third class...played service basketball 2 seasons for Ft. Leonard Wood Hilltoppers...Hilltoppers won Fifth Army Tournament in 1955 and were runnersup in 1956...averaged better than 30 pts. a game for 2 yrs...top single game high was 49 pts...service basketball honors included:

- 1.) All-Fifth Army ('55 and '56)
- 2.) Most valuable player Fifth Army ('56)
- 3.) Armed Forces Press Service All-Armed Forces team ('56)

Leonard considers his East-West game performance in Madison Square Garden in 1954 (scored 22 pts., named most valuable player) his outstanding basketball game...Leonard was originally drafted by Baltimore Bullets in 1954 but did not play that season, choosing, instead to serve his armed forces time...when Baltimore folded early in '54, the Lakers, not needing immediate help and gambling that Leonard would want to play after his Army duty terminated, picked Leonard in the NBA's special draft of Bullet players...at Indiana, Leonard is second most prolific scorer in history behind former teammate, Don Schlundt, whom many people claim owes most of his points to Leonard's accurate passing...passing, floor generalship and ball-handling were Leonard's specialties...he also is fine outside shooter with deadly two-handed set shot...he's righthanded...shoots free throws with one-handed push shot...earned BS degree in physical education with business minor at Indiana in 1954...someday wants to continue education...Methodist...plans to sell roofing material or sporting goods after pro career ends...has two sisters...hobbies are golfing and fishing...member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity...ambition is to be member of world's championship team...personal preferences are food: steak; reading: mysteries; women: brunettes; movies: westerns; clothes: sport coats and slacks; TV: Ed Sullivan and Steve Allen Shows; Radio: sports programs; favorite radio/TV/movie personalities: Sullivan, Allen, Dizzy Dean, Harry Carey (Cardinals' broadcaster), John Wayne, Audie Murphy and Rock Hudson; sports hero: Mickey Mantle...father is steam-fitter and mother is housewife...favorite study at Indiana was physiology and anatomy...one of best measures of Bob's real ability at Indiana was fact that with Leonard feeding Schlundt, the Hoosiers won Big Ten title...next season (1954-55) without Leonard but with Schlundt, Hoosiers finished sixth in Big Ten.

SEASON-BY-SEASON SCORING AT INDIANA:

Year	G	FGA	FG	PCT.	FTA	FT	PCT.	PF	TP	AVE.
1951-52	22	369	131	.355	81	57	.704	78	319	14.5
1952-53	26	503	164	.326	144	96	.667	68	424	16.3
1953-54	23	432	138	.319	123	79	.642	65	355	15.4
Totals	71	1304	433	.332	348	232	.667	211	1098	15.5

BIG TEN SCORING AT INDIANA:

Year	G	FGA	FG	PCT.	FTA	FT	PCT.	PF	TP	AVE.
1951-52	14	253	86	.340	52	40	.769	51	212	15.1
1952-53	18	357	116	.325	108	71	.657	46	303	16.8
1953-54	14	277	89	.321	90	59	.656	42	237	16.9
Totals	46	887	291	.328	250	170	.680	139	752	16.3

In Leonard's three years at Indiana, Hoosier cage teams won 59 and lost 13. In Big Ten play, they were 38 and 8. Discounting Leonard's sophomore year, the Hoosiers won 29 and lost 3 in his junior and senior years in Big Ten play.

CLYDE LOVELLETTE

Position - Center  
 Age - 27 on September 7, 1956  
 Height - 6-9  
 Weight - 235  
 Home - Terre Haute, Indiana

Nationality - French-Indian  
 Wife - Sally  
 Children - Cynthia Ann, 3  
 College - Kansas U. (1948-1952)  
 Nickname - "Big Turkey"

Pro Experience: 3 years

AAU Experience: 1 year (1952-53)

Lovellette graduated from Terre Haute's Garfield High School in 1948. ..scored 32 points for Garfield record in first high school game... at 15 years of age, Clyde was 6-9, his present height...was extremely awkward and self-conscious as youth...most of the credit for helping him overcome his inferiority based on his height goes to his enthusiastic mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lovellette, who made him skip rope, dance and even boxed with him...45 colleges sought Lovellette in 1948 and he chose Kansas U. (coach-Phog Allen)...while at KU, he led team to three Big Seven titles, one NCAA title and one NCAA runnersup spot... scored over 1900 points at Kansas for 24.5 per game average for three seasons...broke 7 NCAA scoring records as Kansas became first Big Seven team ever to win the post-season crown...pros and AAU teams bitterly sought his services in 1952 when he returned from playing on US Olympic team which won title...Milwaukee, which finished last in 1951-52, and had first draft pick in spring of 1952, sounded out Lovellette, reportedly offering him a three-year contract at \$15,000 a year...Lovellette spurned this offer and took job with Phillips 66 Oilers of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, where he could also play ball... Milwaukee didn't draft him as a result of his decision BUT the Lakers did (No. 1)...Lovellette played one year (1952-53) with Phillips where he scored 245 points in 16 NIBL contests and was selected to first All-NIBL team...came with Lakers in 1953-54...team's comedian...personal victory described by one newsman as accomplished by a man with a "Johnny Appleseed face and the body of a whale"...biggest man on Laker squad...specialty is soft sweeping hook shot...also shoots one-handed long shot often catching opponents unaware...weakness is defense...new attitude and loss of weight last year contributed to most successful season...now extremely confident of himself...wears size 14 shoes...works as traffic representative for Terre Haute firm during off-season...was twice All-American at Kansas...big eater.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	FF	TP	AVE.	
1953-54	72	237	114	50	210	588	8.2	
1954-55	70	519	273	125	262	1311	18.7	Total
1955-56	71	594	338	131	245	1526	21.5	as Pro:
Totals	213	1350	725	306	717	3425	16.1	3735
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	pts.
1953-54	13	54	28	30	37	136	10.5	
1954-55	7	44	29	11	32	117	16.7	
1955-56	3	19	19	13	13	57	19.0	
Totals	23	117	76	54	82	310	13.5	

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 37 - Jan. 19, 1955 at New Orleans, La. (M-95 MILW.-81).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 31 - Mar. 21, 1956 at Mpls (SL-116 M-115).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 35 - Dec. 25, 1955 at Mpls. (BOST-115 M-112).

Played first game as Laker in fall of 1953 (October 30). Has missed 3 games as pro (Dec. 15, '54, knee; Feb 26, '55, toe; Dec 7, '55, flu). 1st game of 1956-57 season will be 238th as Laker and 59th straight.

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SLATER MARTIN

Position - Guard  
Age - 31 on October 22, 1956  
Height - 5-10  
Weight - 170  
Home - Houston, Texas

Nationality - Irish, Indian  
Wife - Faye  
Children - Dugan 4, Jim Henry 2  
College - University of Texas  
Nickname - "Dugan" or "Dugie"

Pro Experience: 7 years

Martin graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in Houston, Texas, in 1943...led Jeff. Davis HS to Texas state HS championships in 1942 and 1943...was All-State at guard both years...entered U. of Texas in fall of 1943...lettered as freshman on Texas' 1943 Southwest Conference co-championship squad, leaving the team in mid-season to join the Navy...returned to Texas in fall of 1946 and played three more years ...regular on 1947 team which won third place in NCAA playoffs but was bothered by wrist injury most of season...played guard and forward at Texas...was All-Southwest Conf. in '48 and team's top scorer with 317 pts.(12.7 ave.)...in '49, he was All-Conf. again and made Helm's All-American...also led Texas in scoring with 16 pt. ave. for 24 games...regarded as outstanding defensive player in SW Conf.(also top defensive little man in NBA)...men he guarded in college averaged little more than 1 FG per game...top college night was 49 pts. against TCU for SW record...college coach, Jack Gray, calls him "greatest player to ever come out of the SW."...earned phys. ed. degree in 1949...Navy duty lasted 32 months in South Pacific as Gunner's Mate 3C...Methodist...played in Collegiate East-West game in 1949...one of NBA's fastest men...great playmaker and dribbler...builds houses during off-season in Houston...wears contact lenses on court...NBA All-Star in 53-54-55-56...usually Lakers' number one feeder...extremely popular.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1949-50	67	106	59	34	162	271	4.0	
1950-51	68	227	121	56	199	575	8.5	
1951-52	66	237	142	48	226	616	9.3	
1952-53	70	260	224	63	246	744	10.6	Total
1953-54	69	254	176	67	198	684	9.9	as
1954-55	72	350	276	123	221	976	13.6	Pro:
1955-56	72	309	329	66	202	947	13.2	5433
Totals	484	1743	1327	457	1454	4813	9.9	pts.
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1949-50	12	21	14	10	35	56	4.7	
1950-51	7	18	14	13	20	50	7.1	
1951-52	13	38	41	15	64	117	9.0	
1952-53	12	41	39	12	49	121	10.1	
1953-54	13	37	52	18	52	126	9.7	
1954-55	7	28	40	9	23	96	13.7	
1955-56	3	17	20	4	9	54	18.0	
Totals	67	200	220	81	252	620	9.3	

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 35 - Dec. 29, 1954, at Hibbing, Minn.  
(M-129 BOBT-118).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 32 - April 18, '52 at NY(NY-90 M-89 LOT).  
BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 26 - Jan. 2, 1956 at St.L(M-95 SYR-89).

(Also scored 28 pts. in Mar. 16, '56 spec. playoff game - M-103 STL-97).

Played first game in fall of 1949. Has missed 4 games as Laker (1 as rookie in '49, 3 in '53-'54). Last miss was Jan. 4, '54-kidney ailment. 1st game of 1956-57 season will be 553rd as Laker and 210th straight.

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CHARLES MENCEL

Position - Guard  
Age - 23 on April 21, 1955  
Height - 5-11  
Weight - 185  
Home - Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Nationality - Bohemian  
Wife - Ann  
Children - Vicki Lynn, 2½  
Debra Ann, (5-5-56)  
College - Minnesota(1951-55)  
Nickname - "Charley"

Pro Experience: 1 year

Mencel graduated from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, High School in 1951... was a forward in high school...high school All-State in 1950 and 1951 ...got basketball start playing in junior leagues at Eau Claire YMCA ...Mencel also gives his high school coach great credit for instilling confidence in most phases of his game...played in All-American High School All-Star game in 1951...played four years as regular for Ozzie Cowles at Minnesota(always as guard) from 1951 through 1955... was All-Big Ten selection four straight years(1952-2nd team; 1953-1st team; 1954-2nd team; 1955-1st team)...named Big Ten's Most Valuable player by poll of coaches, officials and Tug Wilson, Big Ten commissioner...holds 4 Minnesota scoring records:

- 1.) Best FT average for single game - 10 of 10 vs.NW(2-2-53).
- 2.) Most points in 3 yrs. of conf. play - 766(310 in 1953, 202 in 1954, 254 in 1955).
- 3.) Most points in 3 yrs. against all teams - 1092(378 in 1953, 305 in 1954, 409 in 1955).
- 4.) Most points in 4 yrs. against all teams - 1391(299 in 1952, 378 in 1953, 305 in 1954, 409 in 1955).

developed deadly jump shot(one-handed) in college which he still uses...co-captain(with Garmaker) of team in 1955...led Minnesota scorers in 1953, ranked second in 1952, 1954 and 1955...one of few 4-letter winners in Gopher cage history...Cowles calls Mencel "as good as they come from the outside"...fine rebounder for small man...excellent ball handler...amazed Kundla first time he saw him perform...played in East-West All-Star game in 1955...calls 6 overtime game against Purdue in 1955 his most unusual basketball experience... holds reserve commission as 2nd Lt. in Army transportation corps... hobby is music...plays the trumpet...Presbyterian...became father for second time last May 5th(Debra Ann)...born in Phillips, Wisconsin ...formerly worked for Minneapolis radio station(WDGY) in off-season...this summer worked for National Pressure Cooker Co. of Eau Claire in accounting dept...earned BBA in business administration in 1955... played against Laker guard, Bob Leonard, six times while in college.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1955-56	69	120	78	18	74	318	4.6	Total as
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	Pro:
1955-56	3	10	6	1	4	26	8.7	344 pts.

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 16 - Dec. 15, 1955 at Syr. (M-135 S-133  
16 - Mar. 9, 1956 at St.L. (StL-103 M-102). 3 OT'S).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 14 - Mar. 17, 1956 at St.L. (StL-116 M-115).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 16 - Dec. 15, '55 at Syr. (M-135 S-133 3 OT'S).  
16 - Mar. 9, '56 at St.L. (StL-103 M-102).

Played first game as Laker on Nov. 5, 1955 at St. Louis. Has missed 3 games as Laker (Dec. 14, 1955, Dec. 29, 1955 and Feb. 22, 1956).  
1st game of 1956-57 season will be 74th as Laker and 18th straight.

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VERN MIKKELSEN (page 1)

Position - Forward, Jenter  
 Age - 28 on October 21, 1956  
 Height - 6-7  
 Weight - 230  
 Home - Minneapolis, Minn.

Nationality - Danish  
 Wife - Jean, no children  
 College - Hamline(1945-49)  
 Nickname - "Vern" or "Mik"

Fro Experience: 7 years

Mikkelsen graduated from Askov, Minnesota, High School in 1945...participated in track, basketball and baseball at Askov...attended cage prominent Hamline University of St. Paul from 1945 to 1949...played for coach Joe Hutton...was regular center for 4 yrs. at Hamline...scored 507 pts. in 31 games in 1947-48 for 16.3 ave. and 519 pts. in 30 games in 1948-49 for 17.3 ave...outscored 7-foot Bob Kurland of Phillips 66 34-24 in two games in senior yr...Mik was cog of team that won three tourneys in 1948-49 season(Denver and Los Angeles Invitationals and Kansas City NAIB)...named outstanding player at LA tourney...chosen co-captain of first NAIB tourney team...Mik played against such pro stars as George Mikan, Howie Schultz, Don Otten, Bob Kurland in college and always held his own...called "outstanding pro prospect of 1949 among college players" by Joe Lapchick, former NY Knick coach...played in East-West All-Star at Madison Square Garden in 1949 and was top scorer with 17 pts...named runnerup for MVP award as result...also was track standout at Hamline...number one Laker draft choice in 1949...sought by all pro teams...last of so-called "Big Three" of Mikan, Mikkelsen and Pollard...sang in capella choir at Hamline...has outstanding singing and speaking voice...honor student in college...one of pro basketball's best educated players with BA in phys. education and MA(Minnesota) in Educational Psychology...married in August 1955 to former Jean Hansen of Willmar...Laker captain last year...Lutheran...speaks Danish fluently...real name is Arild Verner Agerskov Mikkelsen...father is minister now serving parish in Nebraska...Mikkelsen bought into Mpls. insurance firm this summer and is officer and stockholder...one of the NBA's strongest rebounders and board men...shoots sweeping hook or two-handed overhead set...named to Helm's Foundation Hall of Fame of Kansas City NAIA tournament...handicapped last season by hernia operation(August), hemorrhoid operation(November) and bad shoulder...shoulder has bothered Mik for two seasons...had corrective operation this summer...fit.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1949-50	68	288	215	71	222	791	11.6	
1950-51	64	359	186	89	260	904	14.1	
1951-52	66	363	283	89	282	1009	15.3	
1952-53	70	378	291	96	289	1047	15.0	
1953-54	72	288	221	77	264	797	11.1	Total
1954-55	72	440	447	151	319	1327	18.4	as Pro:
1955-56	72	317	328	80	319	962	13.4	7688
Totals	484	2433	1971	653	1955	6837	14.1	pts.
PLAYOFFS:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1949-50	12	55	46	14	52	156	13.0	
1950-51	7	39	31	16	35	109	15.6	
1951-52	13	60	53	11	66	173	13.3	(Con'd
1952-53	12	44	56	10	59	144	12.0	on
1953-54	13	51	31	5	52	133	10.2	next
1954-55	7	30	36	10	36	96	13.7	page)
1955-56	3	11	18	2	14	40	13.3	
Totals	67	290	271	68	314	851	12.7	

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BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 32 - Jan.20, '55 at Shreveport, La.  
(MPLS-97 MILW-90).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 32 - April 20, 1952 at St. Paul, Minn.  
(M-102 NY-89).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 27 - Feb. 5, 1956 at Mpls.(ROCH-121 M-109).

Played first game as Laker in fall of 1949. Has missed only 4 games since he started as Laker in 1949(Feb. 16, 17, 18, 21 of 1951). 1st game of 1956-57 season will be 554th of pro career and 421st straight.

NOTE

The individual's season-by-season and playoff totals summarized in these pages do not include the special playoff games of the 1949-50 and 1955-56 seasons at Rochester and St. Louis, respectively.

However, the summaries of each players' records at the bottom of the page in regard to number of games as Laker(or as pro) and number of consecutive games played DO include these special playoff games.

THE MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM

Although the Lakers must play so-called home games in three places, the Minneapolis Auditorium, the Minneapolis Armory and the St. Paul Auditorium, the Minneapolis Auditorium is technically the home base. More home games are played there each season than in the other two places.

The Auditorium, built in 1927 after the people of Minneapolis voted their approval of a bond issue, cost three million, 156 thousand dollars. The mortgage was burned in 1945 during a civic ceremony.

The lighting system is the best in the league. There are 32 1500 watt bulbs at a height of 26 feet above the floor. The total candle foot power is 96, considered bright as a TV studio.

Keeping the "Big Barn" warm in the winter consumes up to 15 tons of coal in 24 hours. The playing court is 90 feet long and 50 feet wide. There are approximately 8700 seats although as many as 9200 have seen the Lakers play.

The special scoreboard clock, installed by the Lakers in 1947, weighs over 600 lbs. and cost \$1800.00.

In use 280 days a year, the Auditorium's busiest season is from September to June. Last year 75-80 events had to be turned down because of lack of dates or room.

JIM PAXSON(page 1)

Position - Forward

Height - 6-6

Weight - 205

Age - 24 on December 19, 1956

Home - Springfield, Ohio(Dayton)

Nationality - Dutch-Irish

Wife - Jackie(married 10-15-56)

No children

College - Dayton(1950-53 &amp; 55-56)

Nickname - "Power-Tower"

Pro Experience: Rookie

Paxson graduated from Springfield Central Catholic High School of Springfield, Ohio in 1950...played 2 yrs. of varsity basketball in high school and averaged 13 pts. a game in his senior year('50)...also played baseball(3rd base-pitcher) and football(tackle) in HS... Paxson received basketball start in grade school through his father's encouragement...high school coach, Bob Kavanaugh, also encouraged Jim...enrolled at Dayton in 1950 and played varsity ball in '51-'52 and '52-'53...then went into Army and served 22 months...played service ball for 2 yrs...scored 500 pts. playing for Ft. Knox, Ky(W-28, L-6) and had high games of 41 and 36 pts...scored 400 pts. playing on Armed Forces team(W-36, L-4) and had high game of 20 pts...scored 30 pts. playing for Pan-American team(W-4, L-1) and had high game of 7 pts...played in Pan-American Games with Laker, Bob Williams...Paxson was star in NIT in New York as sophomore...during this tourney, he was dubbed "Power Tower" by Dana Mozley of New York News...raised his average from 6.2 as sophomore to 11.6 as junior...after service duty, came back to Dayton to play '55-'56 season...captain of team that yr...was Dayton's second leading scorer last yr. behind 7-foot Bill Uhl with 15.5 ave...played under coach, Tom Blackburn...captained East squad in N.Y. Herald Tribune's annual East-West game in NYC...was named to U.S. Olympic collegiate tryout team...hailing from Springfield, Ohio, Paxson is often referred to as "Springfield Rifle"...his best game a year ago came in the opening round of the U. of Kentucky Invitation December Tournament when he scored 35 pts. as Dayton beat previously unbeaten Utah 77-73...this total of 35 pts. set a new record for the tournament eclipsing the old mark of 28, set St. Louis Hawk rookie, Cliff Hagan, when with Kentucky...Dayton went on to win the tournament title beating Kentucky in the finals and finished with fine 23-3 record for regular season...earned All-Ohio honors on AP, UP and INS teams...also selected to first All-NIT team in '56...Dayton won 2 and lost 1(to Louisville for title) in NIT last year...chosen MVP at Dayton last year...MVP of players appearing in Pittsburgh Gardens last year...played in North-South All-Star game in '56...played in All-Star game involving college seniors of Miami(O.) & Dayton vs. Cincinnati & Xavier...was forward in college...also played baseball at Dayton for 3 yrs...member of Monogram Club at Dayton...Catholic...married Sept. 15, '56 to former Jackie Macbeth of Dayton...played with Don Mieneke of Rochester Royals during '51-'52 season...rates Si Green of Duquesne(now with Rochester) greatest player he's ever played against...Green scored 71 pts. in two Dayton-Duquesne games last year(Day-68 Duq-52; Duq-87 Day-85)...rates Bill Russell(Boston draft choice) greatest player he's ever played with...played with Russell in last spring's Olympic trials at Kansas City... Paxson calls playing in Pan-American Games in '55 his greatest basketball thrill...he recalls opening day parade with 125,000 people cheering the athletes...calls playing defense the toughest thing to do in basketball...Paxson's most unusual day in basketball came in 1956 against Memphis State(D-85 MS-71) when he hit five straight set shots from well out...considers his 35 pt. output against Utah in

JIM PAXSON(page 2)

'56 Kentucky Invitational Tourney his best day in basketball...father is carpenter and mother is telephone service assistant...golf is favorite recreation...shoots two-handed set shot and can also drive with the best of the big men...underhanded free thrower...psychology was favorite college study...likes to watch baseball...prefers steak and chicken...likes Bob Hope and Robert Cummings...Ted Williams and Ralph Beard are sports heroes...born in Pennville, Indiana...right handed but shoots with either hand...has one brother and two sisters...plans to work in insurance business with father-in-law after pro career ends...worked at National Cash Register Co. in Dayton this summer...earned BS with phys. ed. major and biology minor in 1956...Lakers' number one draft choice in '56...sought after by several AAU teams...number one superstition is knocking on wood.

## SEASON-BY-SEASON UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCORING RECORD:

Year	G	FGA	FG	PCT.	FTA	FT	PCT.	REB	PF	TP	AVE.
1951-52	31	217	75	.345	66	43	.651	169	73	193	6.2
1952-53	28	353	113	.320	149	98	.658	229	108	324	11.6
***	(Army during 1953-54 and 1954-55)										
1955-56	28	395	148	.375	175	139	.794	262	76	435	15.5
Totals	87	965	336	.348	390	280	.718	660	257	952	10.9

FORMER LAKERS BY YEARS THEY JOINED TEAM(LEAGUE PLAY ONLY)

1947-48 -

Jim Pollard, Jack Rocker, Swede(Don) Carlson, Tony Jaros, Bob Gerber, Warren Ajax, Don Smith, Paul Napolitano, Ken Exel, Bob Durkee, Joe Patanelli, Ted Cook, Jack Dwan, George Mikan(joined team for 5th game), Herman Schaefer, John Jorgenson.

1948-49 -

Arnie Ferrin, Don Forman, Earl Gardner, Whitey Kachen, Mike Bloom, Ray Ellefson, Jack Tingle.

1949-50 -

Vern Mikkelsen, Paul Walther, Gene Stumpf, Dugie(Slater) Martin, Bob Harrison, Norman Glick, Billy Hassett, Harry (Bud) Grant.

1950-51 -

Ed Beach, Kevin O'Shea, Joe Hutton Jr.

1951-52 -

Whitey Skoog, Howie Schultz, Lew Hitch, John Pilch, Fep(Frank) Saul.

1952-53 -

Jim Holstein, Dick Schnittker.

1953-54 -

Jim Fritsche, Clyde Lovellette.

1954-55 -

Ed Kalafat, Bobby Watson, Don Sunderlage, Bob Carney.

1955-56 -

Bob Williams, Ron Feiereisel, Dick Garmaker, Chuck Mencil, John Horan.

1956-57 -

Total - 52 Lakers in 9 years.

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DICK SCHNITTKER

Position - Forward  
Age - 27 on May 27, 1956  
Height - 6-5  
Weight - 205  
Home - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Nationality - German-English  
Wife - Barbara  
Children - Richard Dean Jr. ("Riff")  
(born 12-30-56)  
College - Ohio State(1946-50)  
Nickname - "Sniff"

Pro Experience: 4 years(plus 1952-53 playoffs)

Schnittker graduated from Sandusky, Ohio High School in 1946...participated in football, basketball, track and swimming at Sandusky... was All-State in first three sports...still holds Sandusky basketball scoring record for season and track record for high jump(6'11")...one of Ohio's greatest all-around athletes...attended Ohio State from 1946-50...while at OSU, Schnittker earned 7 letters(3 in basketball, 2 in football, 1 in baseball and 1 in track)...was end on Ohio State Rose Bowl football team of 1950(which beat California 17-14)...forward in basketball...was captain of 1950 OSU cage team...played in College All-Star against Lakers and in East-West All-Star game in 1950...named outstanding player in latter contest...tallied 1,127 pts. in 3 yrs. at OSU and averaged 21.3 his senior yr...Schnittker had pro offers from both basketball and football but chose BB and started the 1950-51 season with the Washington Caps...he had a good first yr. until the Caps went out of business and he went into the Army...served from 1951-53 getting discharge in time to join Lakers for final 7 games of 1952-53 season playoffs...has been Laker ever since...one of pro game's best percentage free throwers and best of Lakers...a real driver and good rebounder who isn't afraid to mix it up...leads fast break...was regular forward more often than not a year ago... born in Kelleys Island, Ohio...manages two dry cleaning plants in Mpls. during off-season...hobbies are golf, hunting and fishing... member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity...earned BS degree in commerce...

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
(Wash.)1950-51	29	85	123	16	76	293	10.1	(Wash.)
1951-52								(Army)
1952-53								(Army until playoffs)
1953-54	71	122	86	46	178	330	4.6	
1954-55	72	226	298	64	231	750	10.4	Total
1955-56	72	254	304	51	253	812	11.3	as Pro:
Totals	244	687	811	177	738	2185	9.0	2324
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	pts.
1950-51								(Washington disbanded midseason)
1951-52								(Army)
1952-53	7	1	7	4	8	9	1.3	
1953-54	13	11	12	8	32	34	2.6	
1954-55	7	14	25	11	23	53	7.6	
1955-56	3	13	17	3	14	43	14.3	
Totals	30	39	61	26	77	139	4.6	

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 24 - Mar. 9, 1956 at St.L.(St.L-103 M-102).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 18 - Mar. 19, 1956 at Mpls.(M-133 St.L-75).

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 24 - Mar. 9, 1956 at St.L.(St.L.-103 M-102).

Played first pro game with Washington in fall of 1950. Missed only one game since joining Lakers(Feb. 16, 1954). Missed 6 with Wash. 1st game of 1956-57 season will be 247th as Laker and 276th as pro and 184th straight.

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**WHITEY SKOOG**

Position - Guard  
 Age - 30 on November 2, 1956  
 Height - 5-11½  
 Weight - 185  
 Home - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Nationality - Norwegian  
 Wife - Joyce  
 Children - David 5, Kristin 3  
 College - Minnesota (1947-51)  
 Nickname - "Whitey" real name is Myer

Pro Experience: 5 years

Skoog graduated from Brainerd, Minnesota, High School in 1944...participated there in football and basketball...three year varsity regular at Brainerd in basketball (1942-43-44)...captain in 1944...Skoog joined the Navy in 1944 and served until 1947...served in Pacific area...played for Navy team at Jacksonville, Florida and many Southern colleges were after him to enroll as a result...came back to Minnesota and was regular for 3 yrs...scored 986 pts. during career (296 in 1948-49, 374 in 1949-50 and 316 in 1950-51)...still holds Minnesota record for Best free throw shooting average for season in Big Ten games (.886 - 31 of 35 atts. in 1950-51)...mark is also still a Big Ten record...captain of Gophers his final 2 years...introduced Jump shot to Minnesota fans...selected MVP of 1950-51 team and won Conference Medal for proficiency in scholarship and athletics in same yr...played in College All-Star game in 1951 against Rochester...also played in East-West All-Star game at Madison Square Garden in '51...earned baseball letter as junior at Minnesota...was pitcher...selected to coaches All-Big Ten first team two years ('50 & '51)...played both forward and guard at Minnesota...earned BS in physical ed. in 1951...born in Duluth, Minnesota...father, Myer M., born in Norway...hobbies are hunting and fishing...real outdoorsman...given three-minute ovation after last college game...accurate passer and Lakers' number one ball thief...bothered first two years by right knee cartilage injury...plans to start a boys camp with another Laker soon...eventually wants to coach...has been insurance salesman.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1951-52	35	102	30	8	94	234	6.7	
1952-53	68	102	46	15	137	250	3.7	
1953-54	71	212	72	25	234	496	7.0	Total
1954-55	72	330	125	30	265	785	10.9	as Pro:
1955-56	72	340	155	38	232	835	11.6	2880
Totals	318	1086	428	116	962	2600	8.2	pts.
PLAYOFF RECORD AS PRO:	G	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TP	AVE.	
1951-52								(Injured, did not play)
1952-53	11	24	16	4	29	64	5.8	
1953-54	13	42	12	9	60	96	7.4	
1954-55	7	36	19	2	30	91	13.0	
1955-56	3	13	3	8	11	29	9.7	
Totals	34	115	50	23	130	280	8.2	

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 31 - Feb. 25, 1955 at Moorhead, Minnesota (BOST-107 M-104).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: 24 - Mar. 22, 1955 at Indianapolis, Ind. (Ftw-98 M-97 OT) second game of semi-final playoffs won by Ftw. 24 - Mar. 23, 1955 at Minneapolis, Minn.

(M-99 Ftw-91 OT) third game of semi-finals playoffs won by Ftw.

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: 25 - Feb. 8, 1956 at Mpls. (M-106 Ftw.-82).

Played first game as Laker in fall of 1951. Has missed 34 games as Lakers mostly due to Knee injury (31 in '52, 2 in '53, 1 in '54). last game of 1956-57 season will be 354th as Laker and 239th straight.

BOB WILLIAMS

Position - Forward, Center  
 Age - 25 on May 12, 1956  
 Height - 6-6½  
 Weight - 225  
 Home - Pensacola, Florida

Nationality - American Negro  
 Wife - Marietta  
 Children - Debra Ann 5, Robert 4,  
 Casandra 3, Randall  
 (born July 14, 1956)  
 College - Florida A&M (1950-51)

Pro Experience: part of 1 year (1955-56) Nickname - "Big Bob"

Williams graduated from Booker T. Washington High School of Pensacola, Florida, in 1950...was center in basketball at BTW...earned 3 letters ('48, '49, '50)...captain junior and senior years...BTW took the All-State Negro High School Tournament in '49 and '50 with Williams named MVP in '50 tourney which also won him the title of Florida's most valuable colored high school player...scored 735 pts in 30 games senior year to lead entire state in scoring (24.5 ave)...also set state tourney mark with 35 of 36 FT's...both records still stand...Williams continued on to Florida A&M College at Tallahassee...was regular there as freshman in 1950-51...selected to Southern Interscholastic Conference All-Conf. team as frosh...his team won the SIAC title and was runnerup in the tournament of neighboring conferences...Williams then went into Air Force where he served 4 yrs...played ball all 4 yrs ('51-'55) with Sheppard Air Force Base team and helped them to the finals of the All-Service tournament three years...All-Air Force selection three years at center...named most valuable player in worldwide Air Force tournament in 1955...played on winning United States team and named MVP in 1955 Pan-American Games in Mexico City...Jim Paxson, Laker rookie forward, was also member of this team...best scoring year for Air Force was 1952-53 when he hit 740 pts. in 35 games for 21.1 average...when Williams was discharged in the spring of 1955 the rush to sign him up among the nation's colleges was comparable to that when Lovellette graduated from high school...the Lakers won out and Bob joined the team a year ago...he played 20 games during the NBA season and then, mostly because of defensive weaknesses, was optioned to Harlem Globetrotters' Western Unit...joined this unit on Coast in late December and played every night and twice on Sundays from January 1 to April 1, missing only three days...feels he improved himself both offensively and defensively with the Trotters...determined to make good this year...has been working out since July 1 at Mpls. settlement house and at University of Minnesota...also worked as construction worker and parking lot attendant this summer...became father of fourth child this July (14th) which makes him the Lakers' champion father...said to be able to jump to height of 12 feet much like Pollard...terrific spring...lefthanded all the way...shoots hook, jump or one-hander, all lefthanded...first Negro ever to play with Lakers...would someday like to finish his college work (3 years left in physical education)...recently purchased home in Mpls...hobbies are fishing, hunting, golf...married to high school sweetheart.

PREVIOUS RECORD AS PRO: G FG FT FTM PF TP AVE.  
 1955-56 20 21 24 21 36 66 3.3

Total as Pro: 66 pts. (did not play in playoffs-with Trotters then).

BEST ALL-TIME LAKER SCORING: 8 -Nov. 9, 1955 at Phil (P-117 M-106).

8 -Nov. 20, 1955 at Mpls. (R-104 M-96).

BEST LAKER PLAYOFF SCORING: No Playoffs.

BEST OF 1955-56 SEASON: see best All-Time Laker Scoring above.

Played first game as Laker Nov. 5, 1955 at St. Louis. Missed 3 games as Laker before being optioned. 1st game of '56-'57 season 21st as Laker.

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LAKERS' LEADING SCORERS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TP</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
1947-48	Mikan	56	406	383	1195	21.3
1948-49	Mikan	60	583	532	1698	28.3
1949-50	Mikan	68	649	567	1865	27.4
1950-51	Mikan	68	678	576	1932	28.4
1951-52	Mikan	64	545	433	1523	23.8
1952-53	Mikan	70	500	442	1442	20.0
1953-54	Mikan	72	441	424	1306	18.1
1954-55	Wikkelsen	72	440	447	1327	18.7
1955-56	Lovellette	71	594	338	1526	21.5

COACH JOHN KUNDLA

Like the Six-time world champion Minneapolis Lakers, head coach John Kundla is also celebrating his tenth anniversary.

The 40-year-old (in July) Kundla has been the one and only Laker coach since the team was first organized in July of 1947.

Kundla started his basketball career at Minneapolis Central High School although he was born in Star Junction, Pennsylvania. Then followed a brilliant stint at the University of Minnesota where he received a solid background from Dave MacMillan, now Laker advisory coach.

As a Gopher, MacMillan rated Kundla "as good as we ever had." And in 1937, one of Kundla's years, Minnesota had enough good players to win the Big Ten championship.

John's first coaching assignment after college was at DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis. Later he became MacMillan's assistant at Minnesota and then took over the St. Thomas College (St. Paul, Minn.) coaching position.

Following timeout for Navy duty in World War II, Kundla returned to St. Thomas. In the fall of 1947, the Lakers signed him to a one-year contract.

That was ten years ago!

ADVISORY COACH DAVE MACMILLAN

Few men in basketball have had the solid background possessed by Laker advisory coach and good-will man, Dave MacMillan.

MacMillan was graduated from Savage School in New York and earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Idaho. He played his first basketball at Overland Academy in Ohio in 1909 and 1910 and later with the famous New York Celtics as well as with Troy, New York, in the then-fast Eastern League.

Mac's first coaching job was at New Brunswick, New York, High School and later at New Rochelle, New York, High School. From there he went back to Idaho as coach (7 years), then to Minnesota (22 years as head basketball coach and head baseball and assistant football coach, on occasion), then to Tri-Cities (1/2 year) and finally, the Lakers (now starting his ninth season).

LOOKING AT THE LAKER RECORD

<u>Year</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Season Record</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Regular Season Finish</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	<u>Champion</u>
1947-48	NBL	43-17	.717	1st in West. Div.	8-2	Mpls.(beat Roch 3-1)
1948-49	BBA	44-16	.733	2nd in West. Div. to Roch.	8-2 -	Mpls.(beat Wash. 4-2)
1949-50	NBA	52-17 *	.754	won Cent.Div. after playoff	10-2	Mpls.(beat Syr. 4-2)
1950-51	NBA	44-24	.647	won West. Div.	3-4 ***	Roch.(beat New York 4-3)
1951-52	NBA	40-26	.606	2nd in West. Div. to Roch.	9-4	Mpls.(beat N.Y. 4-3)
1952-53	NBA	48-22	.686	won West. Div.	9-3	Mpls.(beat N.Y. 4-1)
1953-54	NBA	46-26	.639	won West. Div.	9-4	Mpls.(beat Syr. 4-3)
1954-55	NBA	40-32	.556	2nd in West. Div. to Ft.W.	3-4 #	Syr.(beat Ft. W. 4-3)
1955-56	NBA	34-39 ##	.466	2nd in West.Div.1-2 x to FtW after playoff	1-2 x	Phil.(beat Ft. W. 4-1)
Totals		<u>391-219</u>	<u>.641</u>		<u>60-27</u> .690	<u>6 titles</u> in 9 years
Grand Totals		451-246	.647			

\* includes special playoff game at Rochester March 21, 1950, for championship of Central Division. Lakers won 78-76.

\*\*\* eliminated from semi-final playoffs by Rochester 3 games to 1.

# eliminated from semi-final playoffs by Ft. Wayne 3 games to 1.

## includes special playoff game at St. Louis March 16, 1956, for 2nd place in the Western Division. Lakers won 103-97.

x eliminated by St. Louis from opening round playoffs 2 games to 1.

1955-56 RESULTS1956-57 SCHEDULEMinneapolis vs. BOSTON(2-7) M B

Nov. 11-at Boston	75	119
Dec. 10-at Boston	102	118
Dec. 20-at New York	104	111
Dec. 25-at Minneapolis	112	115
Jan. 11-at St. Paul, Minn.	114	110
Feb. 1-at Minneapolis	107	106
Feb. 2-at St. Louis	101	102
Feb. 22-at Minneapolis	90	93
Mar. 2-at Boston	113	119

1956-57 Dates with BOSTON M B

Nov. 10-at Boston	—	—
Nov. 14-at Rochester, N.Y.	—	—
Nov. 28-at Louisville, Ky.	—	—
Dec. 7-at Boston	—	—
Jan. 13-at Minneapolis	—	—
Jan. 25-at Boston	—	—
Jan. 29-at New York	—	—
Feb. 13-at Minneapolis	—	—
Mar. 7-at Minneapolis	—	—

Minneapolis vs. FT. WAYNE(7-5)

	<u>M</u>	<u>FW</u>
Nov. 6-at Ft. Wayne	96	95
Dec. 14-at Boston	98	85
Dec. 18-at Ft. Wayne	86	96
Jan. 2-at St. Louis	95	89
Jan. 14-at Minneapolis	117	94
Jan. 15-at Ft. Wayne	99	104
Feb. 8-at Minneapolis	106	82
Feb. 12-at Ft. Wayne	78	82
Feb. 26-at Minneapolis	90	95
Mar. 7-at Minneapolis	98	95
Mar. 8-at Ft. Wayne	82	100
Mar. 14-at Minneapolis	100	96

1956-57 Dates with FT. WAYNE

	<u>M</u>	<u>FW</u>
Oct. 28-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Nov. 18-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 25-at Rochester, NY	—	—
Dec. 27-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Jan. 2-at Rochester, Minn.	—	—
Jan. 3-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Jan. 12-at St. Louis	—	—
Jan. 31-at Minneapolis	—	—
Feb. 9-at Minneapolis	—	—
Feb. 10-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Feb. 24-at Minneapolis	—	—
Mar. 8-at Ft. Wayne	—	—

Minneapolis vs. NEW YORK(5-4)

	<u>M</u>	<u>NY</u>
Nov. 10-at New York	105	112
Dec. 1-at Philadelphia	97	90
Dec. 13-at New York	91	98
Jan. 20-at Boston	109	122
Jan. 21-at New York	109	89
Jan. 22-at Minneapolis	95	100
Jan. 25-at Minneapolis	104	95
Feb. 15-at St. Paul, Minn.	113	102
Mar. 12-at Moorhead, Minn.	102	89

1956-57 Dates with NEW YORK

	<u>M</u>	<u>NY</u>
Dec. 4-at New York	—	—
Dec. 9-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 12-at Boston	—	—
Jan. 6-at Minneapolis	—	—
Jan. 17-at LaCrosse, Wisc.	—	—
Jan. 26-at New York	—	—
Feb. 14-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Feb. 16-at New York	—	—
Mar. 3-at Minneapolis	—	—

Minneapolis vs. PHILADELPHIA(3-6)

	<u>M</u>	<u>P</u>
Nov. 9-at Philadelphia	106	117
Nov. 12-at Hershey, Pa.	89	100
Nov. 27-at Minneapolis	99	94
Dec. 6-at New York	103	116
Jan. 18-at St. Paul, Minn.	105	94
Jan. 28-at Minneapolis	85	108
Feb. 11-at Minneapolis	102	117
Feb. 17-at Philadelphia	111	134
Mar. 1-at Philadelphia	102	100

1956-57 Dates with PHILADELPHIA

	<u>M</u>	<u>P</u>
Nov. 16-at Philadelphia	—	—
Nov. 27-at St. Louis	—	—
Dec. 2-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 11-at Philadelphia	—	—
Feb. 6-at Minneapolis	—	—
Feb. 15-at Philadelphia	—	—
Feb. 27-at St. Paul, Minn.	—	—
Feb. 28-at Philadelphia	—	—
Mar. 13-at Minneapolis	—	—

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## 1956-57 SCHEDULE(page 2)

Minneapolis vs. ROCHESTER(7-5)

	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>
Nov. 19-at Rochester	91	90
Nov. 20-at Minneapolis	96	104
Dec. 7-at Rochester	79	92
Dec. 17-at Minneapolis	94	92
Jan. 7-at Rochester	98	103
Jan. 31-at St. Louis	92	86
Feb. 5-at Minneapolis	109	121
Feb. 14-at St. Louis	110	79
Feb. 18-at Rochester	119	99
Feb. 19-at Minneapolis	100	93
Mar. 3-at Rochester	90	94
Mar. 11-at Minneapolis	126	98

1956-57 Dates with ROCHESTER

	<u>M</u>	<u>R</u>
Nov. 1-at Johnstown, Pa.	—	—
Nov. 3-at Rochester	—	—
Nov. 4-at Minneapolis	—	—
Nov. 11-at New York	—	—
Dec. 1-at Rochester	—	—
Dec. 16-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 20-at Saratoga, Springs	—	—
Dec. 22-at Rochester	—	—
Jan. 20-at Minneapolis	—	—
Jan. 23-at Louisville, Ky.	—	—
Feb. 20-at Minneapolis	—	—
Mar. 1-at Boston	—	—

Minneapolis vs. ST. LOUIS(5-7)

	<u>M</u>	<u>SL</u>
Nov. 5-at St. Louis	89	101
Nov. 24-at Minneapolis	107	99
Nov. 26-at St. Louis	95	104
Nov. 30-at Rochester	97	99
Dec. 28-at Minneapolis	90	111
Dec. 29-at Ft. Wayne	74	71
Jan. 4-at St. Paul, Minn.	94	76
Jan. 17-at Kansas City, Mo.	97	86
Jan. 29-at Minneapolis	107	114
Mar. 4-at Minneapolis	113	84
Mar. 9-at St. Louis	102	103
Mar. 10-at St. Louis	97	105

1956-57 Dates with ST. LOUIS

	<u>M</u>	<u>SL</u>
Oct. 27-at St. Louis	—	—
Nov. 24-at St. Louis	—	—
Nov. 25-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 6-at Philadelphia	—	—
Dec. 29-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 30-at St. Louis	—	—
Feb. 2-at Minneapolis	—	—
Feb. 3-at St. Louis	—	—
Feb. 17-at Minneapolis	—	—
Feb. 25-at Ft. Wayne	—	—
Mar. 10-at Minneapolis	—	—
????? - to be scheduled at St. Louis	—	—

special playoff:

Mar. 16-at St. Louis	103	97
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playoffs:

Mar. 17-at St. Louis	115	116
Mar. 19-at Minneapolis	133	75
Mar. 21-at Minneapolis	115	116

Minneapolis vs. SYRACUSE(4-5)

	<u>M</u>	<u>SL</u>
Nov. 17-at Syracuse	91	105
Dec. 3-at Syracuse	103	114
Dec. 4-at Minneapolis	96	102
Dec. 15-at Syracuse	135	133
	(3 CT's)	
Jan. 1-at Minneapolis	80	85
Jan. 8-at Minneapolis	99	91
Jan. 10-at Ft. Wayne	90	79
Jan. 19-at Syracuse	100	122
Feb. 29-at St. Paul, Minn.	98	94

1956-57 Dates with SYRACUSE

	<u>M</u>	<u>SL</u>
Nov. 15-at Syracuse	—	—
Nov. 22-at Minneapolis	—	—
Dec. 23-at Syracuse	—	—
Dec. 26-at Minneapolis	—	—
Jan. 9-at Moorhead, Minn.	—	—
Jan. 10-at Syracuse	—	—
Jan. 27-at Syracuse	—	—
Jan. 28-at Boston	—	—
Feb. 23-at Minneapolis	—	—

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1955-56 REGULAR SEASON INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	G	Min-utes	FG Att	FG Made	FG Pct	FT Att	FT Made	Re-bnd	As-st	PF	D	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Lovellette	71	2518	1370	594	.434	469	338	992	164	245	5	1526	21.5
Mikkelsen	72	2100	821	317	.386	408	328	608	173	319	17	962	13.4
Martin	72	2838	863	309	.358	395	329	260	445	202	2	947	13.2
Skoog	72	2311	854	340	.398	193	155	291	255	232	5	835	11.6
Schnittker	72	1930	647	254	.393	355	304	296	142	253	4	812	11.3
Kalafat	72	1639	540	194	.359	252	186	440	130	236	2	574	8.0
Mikan	37	765	375	148	.395	122	94	308	53	153	6	390	10.5
Garmaker	68	870	373	138	.370	139	112	132	104	127	0	388	5.7
Mencel	69	973	375	120	.320	96	78	110	132	74	1	318	4.6
Hitch	69	1129	235	94	.400	132	100	283	77	85	0	288	4.2
Williams	20	173	46	21	.457	45	24	54	7	36	1	66	3.3
Horan *	19	93	42	12	.286	11	10	10	2	21	0	34	1.8
Feiereisel	10	59	28	8	.286	16	14	6	6	9	0	30	3.0
*Horan(as Laker only)	12	50	-	4	-	5	4	-	-	7	0	12	1.0
LAKER TOTALS	72	17398	6543	2541	.388	2627	2066	3790*	1689	1978	43	7148	99.3
OPPS. TOTALS	72	-	-	2535	-	-	2142	-	-	1830	34	7212	100.2

(\* plus 343 team rebounds for total of 4133)

Free Throws Missed:	Player	Missed	Opp.
Lovellette	131	Garmaker	27
Mikkelsen	80	Mencel	18
Martin	66	Hitch	32
Skoog	38	Williams	21
Schnittker	51	Feiereisel	2
Mikan	28	Horan	1
Kalafat	66	Total	561
			Opp. Tots-832

1955-56 PLAYOFF INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	G	Min-utes	FG Att	FG Made	FG Pct	FT Att	FT Made	Re-bnd	As-st	PF	D	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Lovellette	3	69	39	19	.487	32	19	25	6	13	1	57	19.0
Martin	3	121	37	17	.459	24	20	7	15	9	0	54	18.0
Schnittker	3	87	23	13	.565	20	17	15	5	14	2	43	14.3
Mikkelsen	3	90	26	11	.423	20	18	17	2	14	2	40	13.3
Mikan	3	60	35	13	.371	13	10	28	5	14	0	36	12.0
Kalafat	3	55	21	9	.429	19	15	21	2	13	1	33	11.0
Garmaker	3	42	19	7	.368	17	16	8	11	8	0	30	10.0
Skoog	3	90	31	13	.419	11	3	18	18	11	0	29	9.7
Mencel	3	52	19	10	.526	7	6	5	8	4	0	26	8.7
Hitch	3	54	13	4	.308	10	7	15	2	7	0	15	5.0
LAKER TOTS.	3	720	263	116	.441	173	131	159*	74	107	6	363	121.0
Opp. Totals	3	720	256	93	.363	174	121	142	64	110	7	307	102.3

(\* plus 16 team rebounds for total of 175)

(NOTE: NONE OF THE IND. STATISTICS IN THIS BROCHURE INCLUDE SPECIAL PLAYOFF GAMES OF 1950 OR 1956.)

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1955-56 TEAM STATISTICS (Reg. Season)

	<u>Field Goals</u>			<u>Free Throws</u>			<u>Miscellaneous</u>				<u>Scoring Ave.</u>	
	<u>G</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG Pct.</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FT Pct.</u>	<u>Rbnd</u>	<u>Asst</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>D*</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>	
Phil	72	6437	2641 .410	2829	2142 .757	4362	1886	1872	45	103.1	98.8	
Ft.W	72	6174	2396 .388	2729	2002 .734	3974	1752	1789	20	94.4	93.7	
Bost	72	6913	2745 .397	2785	2142 .769	4583	1834	1874	44	106.0	105.3	
Syr.	72	6661	2466 .370	2703	2044 .756	4060	1710	1783	32	96.9	96.9	
NY	72	6395	2508 .392	2913	2196 .754	4562	1610	1923	43	100.2	100.6	
Min.	72	6543	2541 .388	2627	2066 .786	4133	1689	1978	43	99.3	100.2	
St.L	72	6628	2506 .378	2761	1941 .703	4493	1748	1971	42	96.6	98.0	
Roch	72	6890	2551 .370	2567	1798 .700	4449	1747	1990	46	95.8	98.7	

(\* - Number of Players disqualified on personal fouls)

1955-56 TEAM PLAYOFF STATISTICS

	<u>Field Goals</u>			<u>Free Throws</u>			<u>Miscellaneous</u>				<u>Scoring Ave.</u>		
	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L Pct.</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG Pct.</u>	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FT Pct.</u>	<u>Rbnd</u>	<u>Asst</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>D*</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Agst</u>
Phil	10	7	3 .700	930	370 .398	408	306 .750	644	259	272	8	104.6	98.4
Syr.	8	4	4 .500	767	287 .374	324	239 .738	486	190	232	6	101.6	103.0
St.L	8	4	4 .500	685	248 .362	352	246 .699	423	162	237	10	92.8	103.0
Ft.W	10	4	6 .400	879	326 .371	386	276 .715	609	209	231	5	92.8	92.2
Min.	3	1	2 .333	263	116 .441	173	131 .757	175	74	107	6	121.0	102.3
Bost	3	1	2 .333	289	109 .377	113	87 .770	205	64	73	0	101.7	98.7

(\* - Number of Players disqualified on personal fouls)

1955-56 INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS (NBA)

	<u>G</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>		<u>G</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>AVG.</u>
Pettit, St.L	72	646	557	1849	25.7	Braun, NY	72	396	320	1112	15.4
Arizin, Phil	72	617	507	1741	24.2	Twyman, Roch.	72	417	204	1038	14.4
Johnston, Phil	70	499	549	1547	22.1	Graboski, Phi	72	397	240	1034	14.4
LOVELLETTE, M.	71	594	338	1526	21.5	Gallatin, NY	72	322	358	1002	13.9
Schayes, Syr.	72	465	542	1472	20.4	George, Phil.	72	352	296	1000	13.9
Sharman, Bos	72	538	358	1434	19.9	Share, St.L.	72	315	346	976	13.6
Cousy, Bost.	72	440	476	1356	18.8	MIKKELSEN, M.	72	317	328	962	13.4
McCauley, Bos	71	420	400	1240	17.5	Kerr, Syr.	72	377	207	961	13.3
Yardley, Ft.W	71	434	365	1233	17.4	Coleman, St.L	75	390	177	957	12.8
Foust, Ft. W.	72	367	432	1166	16.2	MARTIN, MINN.	72	309	329	947	13.2
Stokes, Roch	67	403	319	1125	16.8	Sears, New Y.	70	319	258	896	12.8

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS

(Min. 230 FG Scored)	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Johnston, Philly	1092	499	.457
Arizin, Philly	1378	617	.448
Foust, Ft. Wayne	821	367	.447

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE LEADERS

(Min. 190 FT Scored)	<u>FTA</u>	<u>FT Pct.</u>
Sharman, Boston	413	358 .867
Schayes, Syracuse	632	542 .858
SCHNITTKER, MPLS.	355	304 .856

LEADERS IN REBOUNDS

	<u>G</u>	<u>No.</u>
Pettit, St. Louis	72	1164
Stokes, Rochester	67	1094
LOVELLETTE, MPLS.	71	992

LEADERS IN ASSISTS

	<u>G</u>	<u>No.</u>
Cousy, Boston	72	642
George, Philadelphia	72	457
MARTIN, MINNEAPOLIS	72	445

LAKERS' OVERALL RECORD AGAINST LEAGUE TEAMS BY YEARS

(Reg. Season)	47-48	48-49	49-50	50-51	51-52	52-53	53-54	54-55	55-56
Anderson	4-2		1-1						
Baltimore		4-1	5-1	4-2	6-0	5-1	6-2		
Boston		3-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	5-1	5-3	6-3	2-7
Chicago		4-2	4-2						
Denver			2-0						
Flint	5-1								
Fort Wayne	4-2	4-2	4-2	3-5	4-5	9-1	5-5	3-9	7-5
Indianapolis	5-1	6-0	1-1	7-3	5-4	6-4			
Milwaukee					8-1	7-3	8-3	7-5	
New York		4-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-2	5-3	4-5	5-4
Oshkosh	5-1								
Philadelphia		4-1	4-2	4-2	2-4	6-0	6-2	6-3	3-6
Providence		5-0							
Rochester	3-3	4-2	4-3*	4-4	7-2	4-6	6-5	8-4	7-5
Sheboygan	5-1		1-1						
St. Louis		4-2	5-1						6-7 *
Syracuse	4-2		1-1	4-2	1-5	2-4	5-3	6-3	4-5
Toledo	5-1								
Tri-Cities	3-3		2-0	10-0					
Washington		2-3	6-0	2-0					
Waterloo			2-0						

\* includes special playoff games.

LAKERS' OVERALL RECORD AGAINST LEAGUE TEAMS

	Regular Season	Playoffs	Total
Anderson	5-3		7-3
Baltimore	30-7	2-0	30-7
Boston	32-23		32-23
Chicago	8-4	4-0	12-4
Denver	2-0		2-0
Flint	5-1		5-1
Fort Wayne	43-36	8-5	51-41
Indianapolis	30-13	6-1	36-14
Milwaukee	30-12		30-12
New York	34-21	8-4	42-25
Oshkosh	5-1	3-1	8-2
Philadelphia	35-20		35-20
Providence	5-0		5-0
Rochester	47-34 *	14-7	61-41 *
Sheboygan	6-2		6-2
St. Louis	15-10 *	1-2	16-12 *
Syracuse	27-25	8-5	35-30
Toledo	5-1		5-1
Tri-Cities	15-3	2-0	17-3
Washington	10-3	4-2	14-5
Waterloo	2-0		2-0
Totals	391-219 (.641)	60-27 (.690)	451-246 (.647)

\* includes special playoff games.

LAKERS VS. HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Feb. 19, 1948	Trotters 61, Mpls. 59	Mar., 21, 1950	Mpls. 69, HGT 54
Mar. 1, 1949	Trotters 49, Mpls. 45	Feb. 23, 1951	Mpls. 72, HGT 68
Mar. 15, 1949	Mpls. 68, Trotters 53	Jan. 2, 1952	Mpls. 84, HGT 60
Feb. 22, 1950	Mpls. 76, Trotters 60		

Lakers lead series 5-2.

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BOSTON vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At Boston		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48					No Games Played			
1948-49	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	2
1949-50	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	1
1950-51	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
1951-52	2	0	1	2	0	1	3	3
1952-53	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	1
1953-54	3	1	1	2	1	0	5	3
1954-55	3	0	2	1	1	2	6	3
1955-56	1	2	0	3	1	4	2	7
Totals	19	4	9	14	4	5	32	23

Boston and Minneapolis have not met during playoffs.

Last Boston win at Minneapolis: B-93 M-90, Feb. 22, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at Boston: M-121 B-106, March 4, 1955.

FT. WAYNE vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At Ft. Wayne		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48	2	1	1	0	1	1	4	2
1948-49	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1949-50	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1950-51	2	1	0	4	1	0	3	5
1951-52	2	1	1	4	1	0	4	5
1952-53	3	0	4	1	2	0	9	1
1953-54	3	1	1	3	1	1	5	5
1954-55	2	1	1	3	0	5	3	9
1955-56	4	1	1	4	2	0	7	5
Totals	24	6	11	23	8	7	43	36

In Playoffs - Minneapolis leads 8-5. Total Games - M-51 FtW-41

Last Ft. Wayne win at Mpls.: Ft.W.-95 M-90, Feb. 26, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at Ft. Wayne: M-96 Ft.W.-95, Nov. 6, 1955.

NEW YORK vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At New York		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48					No Games Played			
1948-49	2	0	2	1	0	0	4	1
1949-50	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	1
1950-51	3	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
1951-52	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1952-53	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1953-54	3	1	1	2	1	0	5	3
1954-55	2	1	0	3	2	1	4	5
1955-56	1	1	1	2	3	1	5	4
Totals	20	3	8	16	6	2	34	21

In playoffs - Minneapolis leads 8-4. Total Games - M-42 NY-25.

Last New York win at Mpls.: NY-100 M-95, Jan. 22, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at New York: M-109 NY-89, Jan. 21, 1956.

1955-56 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ALL-STAR TEAM

First Team	Second Team
Bob Pettit, St. Louis	Adolph Schayes, Syracuse
Faul Arizin, Philadelphia	Maurice Stokes, Rochester
Neil Johnston, Philadelphia	CLYDE LOVELLETTE, MINNEAPOLIS
Bob Cousy, Boston	SLATER MARTIN, MINNEAPOLIS
Bill Sharman, Boston	Jack George, Philadelphia
Rookie-of-the-Year-Maurice Stokes, Rochester	

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PHILADELPHIA vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At Philly		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48					No Games Played			
1948-49	3	0	1	1	0	0	4	2
1949-50	2	0	1	2	1	0	4	2
1950-51	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1951-52	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	4
1952-53	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0
1953-54	2	0	1	1	3	1	6	2
1954-55	3	0	1	3	2	0	6	3
1955-56	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	6
Totals	18	3	8	14	9	3	35	20

In Playoffs - Minneapolis and Philadelphia have never met.

Last Philly win at Mpls.: P-117 M-102, Feb. 11, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at Philly: M-102 P-100, March 1, 1956.

ROCHESTER vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At Rochester		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48	1	1	1	2	1	0	3	3
1948-49	3	1	1	1	0	0	4	2
1949-50	3	0	1*	3	0	0	4*	3
1950-51	4	1	0	3	0	0	4	4
1951-52	5	0	2	2	0	0	7	2
1952-53	4	0	0	5	0	1	4	6
1953-54	3	0	2	2	1	3	6	5
1954-55	3	1	4	1	1	2	8	4
1955-56	2	2	2	3	2	0	7	5
Totals	29	6	13*	22	5	6	47*	34

In playoffs - Minneapolis leads 14-7. Total Games - M-61\*R-41.

\* Includes special playoff game at Rochester March 21, 1950.

Last Rochester win at Mpls.: R-121 M-109, Feb. 5, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at Rochester: M-119 R-99, Feb. 18, 1956.

ST. LOUIS vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At St. Louis		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48					No Games Played			
1948-49	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1949-50	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	1
1950-51					No Games Played			
1951-52					No Games Played			
1952-53					No Games Played			
1953-54					No Games Played			
1954-55					No Games Played			
1955-56	2	2	1**	4	3	1	6**	7
Totals	8	2	4**	7	3	1	15**	10

In playoffs - St. Louis leads 2-1. Total Games - M-16\*\* St.L-12.

\*\* Includes special playoff game at St. Louis March 16, 1956.

Last St. Louis win at Mpls.: St.L.-116 M-115(playoff), March 21, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at St. Louis: M-103 St.L.-97(special playoff)Mar.16,'56.

1955-56 EAST-WEST ALL-STAR GAME(West 108, East 94)

Played at Rochester, New York, Jan. 24, 1956

West-Charlie Eckman(FtW) coach; VERN MIKKELSEN, CLYDE LOVELLETTE, SLATER MARTIN(Mpls); Maurice Stokes, Bobby Wanzer(Roch); George Yardley, Larry Foust, Mel Hutchins(FtW); Bob Pettit, Bob Harrison(St.L).  
 East-George Senesky(Phil)coach; Paul Arizin, Neil Johnston, Jack George, (Phil); Harry Gallatin, Carl Braun, Dick McGuire(NY); Bob Cousy, Bill Sharman, Ed Macauley(Bos); Dolph Schayes(Syr.).

SYRACUSE vs. LAKERS

Year	At Minneapolis		At Syracuse		Neutral		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48	2	0	1	2	1	0	4	2
1948-49				No Games Played				
1949-50	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
1950-51	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	2
1951-52	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	5
1952-53	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	4
1953-54	2	0	1	3	2	0	5	3
1954-55	2	1	2	2	2	0	6	3
1955-56	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Totals	14	6	6	19	7	0	27	25

In playoffs - Minneapolis leads 8-5. Total Games - M-35 S-30.

Last Syracuse win at Mpls.: S-85 M-80, Jan. 1, 1956.

Last Mpls. win at Syracuse: M-135 S-133(3 OT's.), Dec. 15, 1955.

1955-56 FINAL STANDINGS AND STATISTICS

Eastern Division	Phil	Bos	NY	Syr	FtW	Min	StL	Roc	W	L	Pct.	Scoring	
												For	Agst
Philadelphia	-	7	6	9	5	6	6	6	45	27	.625	7424	7117
Boston	5	-	5	8	4	7	5	5	39	33	.542	7632	7585
New York	6	7	-	4	4	4	4	6	35*	37	.486	7212	7242
Syracuse	3	4	8	-	5	5	6	4	35*	37	.486	6976	6975

## Western Division

Ft. Wayne	4	5	5	4	-	5	7	7	37	35	.514	6794	6743
MINNEAPOLIS	3	2	5	4	7	-	5	7	33#	39	.458	7148	7212
St. Louis	3	4	5	3	5	7	-	6	33#	39	.458	6953	7059
Rochester	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>.431</u>	<u>6900</u>	<u>7106</u>

Games Lost 27 33 37 37 35 39 39 41

\* Syracuse won special playoff game for third place at Syracuse.

# Minneapolis won special playoff game for second place at St. Louis.

1955-56 NBA PLAYOFFS - SCORESEastern Division:

3rd place p.o.-NY-77 at Syr-82

Syracuse defeated Boston 2-1

Mar. 17 - Syr-92 at Bost-110

Mar. 19 - Bost-98 at Syr-101

Mar. 21 - Syr-102 at Bost-97

Philadelphia def. Syracuse 3-2

Mar. 23 - Syr-87 at Phil-109

Mar. 25 - Phil-118 at Syr-122

Mar. 27 - Syr-96 at Phil-119

Mar. 28 - Phil-104 at Syr-108

Mar. 29 - Syr-104 at Phil-109

Western Division:

2nd place p.o.-Mpls-103 at StL-97

St. Louis defeated Minneapolis 2-1

Mar. 17 - Mpls.-115 at St.L-116

Mar. 19 - St. L-75 at Mpls.-133

Mar. 21 - St. L-116 at Mpls.-115

Ft. Wayne defeated St. Louis 3-2

Mar. 22 - St.L-86 at Ft.W-85

Mar. 24 - Ft.W-74 at St. L-84

Mar. 25 - St.L-84 at Ft.W-107

Mar. 27 - Ft.W-93 at St.L-84

Mar. 29 - St.L-97 at Ft.W-102

Championship Series

Philadelphia defeated Ft. Wayne - 4-1

Mar. 31 - Ft.W-94 at Phil-98

Apr. 1 - Phil-83 at Ft.W-84

Apr. 3 - Ft.W-96 at Phil-100

Apr. 5 - Phil-107 at Ft.W-105

Apr. 7 - Ft.W-88 at Phil-99

LAKERS' PLAYOFF RECORDS

<u>By Teams -</u>	Mpls. Wins	Mpls. Losses
Anderson	2	0
Chicago	4	0
Fort Wayne	8	5
Indianapolis	6	1
New York	8	4
Oshkosh	3	1
Rochester	14	7
St. Louis	1	2
Syracuse	8	5
Tri-Cities	2	0
Washington	4	2
Totals	60	27 (.690)

By Years -

1947-48	Won	Lost	1951-52	Won	Lost
Oshkosh	3	1	Indianapolis	2	0
Tri-Cities	2	0	Rochester	3	1
Rochester	3	1	New York	4	3
Totals	8	2	Totals	9	4
1948-49			1952-53		
Chicago	2	0	Indianapolis	2	0
Rochester	2	0	Ft. Wayne	3	2
Washington	4	2	New York	4	1
Totals	8	2	Totals	9	3
1949-50			1953-54		
Chicago	2	0	Ft. Wayne	2	0
Ft. Wayne	2	0	Rochester	3	1
Anderson	2	0	Syracuse	4	3
Syracuse	4	2	Totals	9	4
Totals	10	2	1954-55		
1950-51			Rochester	2	1
Indianapolis	2	1	Ft. Wayne	1	3
Rochester	3	3	Totals	3	4
Totals	3	4	1955-56		
			St. Louis	1	2
			Totals	1	2

ALL-TIME ALL-PRO SCORING RECORDS

Individual, Most Points, One Game	64	Milt Schoon(29-6) at Denver, Jan. 1, '51(Denver 99, Kansas City 71)
	63	Joe Fulks at Phil., Feb. 10, '49 Philadelphia 108, Ind. 87.
	61	George Mikan(22-17) at Mpls. vs. Rochester, Jan. 20, 1952.
Team, Most Points, One Game	157	Sheboygan 157, Denver 72 During 1951 season at Denver.
Most Overtimes, One Game	6	Indianapolis 75, Rochester 73 Jan. 6, 1951, at Rochester
	5	Syracuse 125, Anderson 123 During 1949-50 season.

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LAKERS' HOME COURT RECORD

(Defeats at both Auditorium and Armory-not St. Paul-reg. season and p.o.)

Year	Defeats	Year	Defeats
1947-48	4	1952-53	3(2 Aud; 1 Arm in p.o.)
1948-49	3	1953-54	4
1949-50	1	1954-55	7(5 Aud; 2 Arm(1 po))
1950-51	4(3 Aud; 1 Arm. in p.o.)	1955-56	13(11 Aud(1 po); 2 Arm.)
1951-52	5	Total - 44 Aud. and Armory losses in 9 years.	

LAKER HISTORY AT AUDITORIUM

Regular Season: W-194 L-37; Playoffs: W-32 L-3; Totals: W-226 L-40.

By Years	Regular Season		Playoffs		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48	22	4	5	0	27	4
1948-49	28	3	6	0	34	3
1949-50	29	1	3	0	32	1
1950-51	29	3	3	0	32	3
1951-52	21	5	4	0	25	5
1952-53	24	2	3	0	27	2
1953-54	19	4	6	2	25	6
1954-55	13	5	1	0	14	5
1955-56	9	10	1	1	10	11
Totals	194	37	32	3	226	40

LAKER HISTORY AT ARMORY

Regular Season: W-12 L-3; Playoffs: W-10 L-3; Totals: W-22 L-6.

By Years	Regular Season		Playoffs		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48	2	1	5	0	7	0
1948-49			No Games			
1949-50	1	0	0	0	1	0
1950-51	0	0	2	1	2	1
1951-52			No Games			
1952-53	0	0	2	1	2	1
1953-54	1	0	1	0	2	0
1954-55	4	1	0	1	4	2
1955-56	4	2	0	0	4	2
Totals	12	3	10	3	22	6

LAKER HISTORY AT ST. PAUL

Regular Season: W-15 L-3; Playoffs: W-7 L-1; Totals: W-22 L-4.

By Years	Regular Season		Playoffs		Totals	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
1947-48			No Games			
1948-49			No Games			
1949-50	2	0	3	0	5	0
1950-51			No Games			
1951-52	3	1	2	1	5	2
1952-53	3	0	0	0	3	0
1953-54	1	1	0	0	1	1
1954-55	1	1	2	0	3	1
1955-56	5	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	15	3	7	1	22	4

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MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM RECORDS

Team

Most Points, One Game . . . . .	133
Lakers 133, St. Louis 75 - playoff game - March 19, 1956.	
Most Field Goals, One Game . . . . .	54
Lakers 117, Providence 89 - November 24, 1948.	
Lakers 126, Baltimore 82 - March 16, 1952.	
Most Free Throws, One Game . . . . .	49
Lakers 107, St. Louis 99 - November 24, 1955.	
Most Fouls, One Game . . . . .	42
Lakers 110, Syracuse 95 - playoff game - April 23, 1950.	
Worst Laker Defeat. . . . .	23 points
Philadelphia 108, Lakers 85 - January 28, 1956.	
Biggest Margin for Laker Win. . . . .	58 points
Lakers 133, St. Louis 75 - playoff game - March 19, 1956.	

Individual

Most Points, One Game . . . . .	61
George Mikan (vs. Rochester) - January 20, 1952.	
Most Field Goals, One Game. . . . .	22
George Mikan (vs. New York) - March 13, 1949.	
George Mikan (vs. Rochester) - January 20, 1952.	
Most Free Throws, One Game. . . . .	19
Harry Gallatin, New York (vs. Lakers) - November 7, 1954.	

Two-Teams

Most Total Points, One Game . . . . .	231
St. Louis 116, Lakers 115 - playoff game - March 21, 1956.	

OVERTIME HISTORY OF LAKERS

ONE-HUNDRED HISTORY OF LAKERS

Year	Won	Lost		Year	Games of 100 pts.
1947-48	1	0		1947-48	0
1948-49	2	1		1948-49	6
1949-50	1	0	Grand	1949-50	7
1950-51	4	1	Total -	1950-51	5
1951-52	4	6	37	1951-52	8
1952-53	4	1		1952-53	7
1953-54	1	2		1953-54	8
1954-55	4	4	(1-1 in	1954-55	23 (1 in p.o.)
1955-56	1	0	playoffs)	1955-56	38 (3 in p.o.)
Totals	22	15		and 1 in special playoff game).	
				Totals	102

LAKERS VS. COLLEGE ALL-STARS (AT CHICAGO)

Year	Result And Score	Year	Result And Score
1948	Mpls. 60, All-Stars 42	1952	Mpls. 80, All-Stars 69
1949	Mpls. 94, All-Stars 86	1953	Mpls. 70, All-Stars 65
1950	Mpls. 61, All-Stars 54	1954	All-Stars 93, Mpls. 90(OT)
1951	Rochester played	1955	Syracuse played
		1956	Series discontinued

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Longest Win Streaks	14 Jan. 22, 1950, to Feb. 25, 1950. 12 Feb. 1, 1948, to March 2, 1948. 11 Jan. 18, 1954, to Feb. 7, 1954. 10 Nov. 15, 1953, to Dec. 12, 1953.
Longest Losing Streaks	6 Dec. 3, 1955, to Dec. 13, 1955. 5 Feb. 28, 1951, to March 8, 1951. 4 Feb. 6, 1955, to Feb. 10, 1955.
Scoring High	135 Beat Syracuse 135-133 at Syr., Dec. 15, 1955, in 3 overtimes. 129 Beat Boston 129-118 at Hibbing, Minnesota, Dec. 29, 1954, in 1 overtime. 126 Beat Baltimore 126-82 at Mpls., March 16, 1952.
Most Points Against	134 Lost to Philadelphia 134-111 at Phil., Feb. 17, 1956. 133 Beat Syracuse 135-133 at Syr., Dec. 15, 1955, in 3 overtimes. 128 Lost to Boston 128-106 at Boston, March 5, 1954.
Most Total Points	268 Beat Syracuse 135-133 at Syr., Dec. 15, 1955, in 3 overtimes. 247 Beat Boston 129-118 at Hibbing, Minnesota, Dec. 29, 1954, in 1 overtime. 234 Lost to Boston 128-106 at Boston, March 5, 1954.
Scoring Low	18 Lost to Ft. Wayne 19-18 at Mpls., Nov. 22, 1950.
Fewest Points Against	19 Lost to Ft. Wayne 19-18 at Mpls., Nov. 22, 1950.
Fewest Total Points	37 Lost to Ft. Wayne 19-18 at Mpls., Nov. 22, 1950.
Worst Loss(Home or Away)	44 Lost to Boston 119-75 at Boston, Nov. 11, 1955. 34 Lost to Baltimore 101-67 at Balt., Mar. 17, 1949.
Worst Home Loss	23 Lost to Philadelphia 108-85 at Mpls., Jan. 28, 1956. 21 Lost to St. Louis 111-90 at Mpls., Dec. 28, 1955. 18 Lost to Syracuse 83-65 at Mpls., Jan. 29, 1953.
Biggest Margin	58 Beat St. Louis 133-75 at Mpls., Mar. 19, 1956 - playoff game. 47 Beat Milwaukee 99-52 at Mpls., Dec. 16, 1951.

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Biggest Half	72 (Second - 36-36) Beat St. Louis 133-75 at Mpls., March 19, 1956 - playoff game. 70 (First -35-35) Beat Boston 121-106 at Boston, March 3, 1955.
Biggest Three Quarters	108 (2nd, 3rd, 4th - 36-36-36) Beat St. Louis 133-75 at Mpls., Mar. 19, 1956-playoff game
Biggest Quarters	First 38 Feb. 18, 1956 vs. Roch. at Roch. Second 40 Feb. 27, 1951 vs. Tri-Cities at Milwaukee. Third 39 Nov. 20, 1949 vs. Indianapolis at Mpls. Fourth 41 Nov. 16, 1949 vs. St. Louis at Mpls.
Lowest Quarters	First 6 Mar. 6, 1949 vs. Providence at Mpls. Second 6 Nov. 22, 1950 vs. Ft. Wayne at Mpls. Third 4 Nov. 22, 1950 vs. Ft. Wayne at Mpls. Fourth 1 Nov. 22, 1950 vs. Ft. Wayne at Mpls.
Fouls High	47 Lost to Syracuse 110-105 at Syr., Jan. 17, 1952. 47 Lost to Indianapolis 95-83 at Moorhead, Minnesota, March 9, 1952. 47 Lost to Ft. Wayne 98-95 at Ft. Wayne, March 30, 1953.
Fouls Low	3 Beat Oshkosh 49-47 at Oshkosh, Nov. 1, 1947.
Field Goal High	54 Beat Baltimore 126-82 at Mpls., Mar. 16, 1952 54 Beat Providence 117-89 at Mpls., Nov. 24, 1948.
Field Goal Low	4 Lost to Ft. Wayne 19-18 at Mpls, Nov 22, '50.
Free Throw High	51 Beat Baltimore 115-114 at Baltimore, Feb. 26, 1949, in 1 overtime.
Free Throw Low	5 Lost to Tri-Cities 44-35 at Tri-Cities, Jan. 11, 1948.
Overtimes	Total - 37. Most in one season-10 in '51-'52. Fewest in one season-1 each in 47-48, 49-50, and 55-56.
One-Hundreds	Total - 102 (includes special playoff of 55-56). Most in one season - 38 in 1955-56. Fewest in one season - 0 in 1947-48.
Shooting Percentage	52% (41 FG for 79 FGA) Beat Philadelphia 107-79 at Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 1953.
Biggest Blow	Lost by 1 (93-92) to Baltimore, Nov. 3, 1954, after blowing 21 point lead. Mpls. had led 75-54 but Balt. outscored them 39-17 in last 14 minutes.

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