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BASKETBALL

1954 - 1955

DEC. 2—SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA	HAYS
DEC. 6—NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA	Alva, Okla.
DEC. 7—WICHITA UNIVERSITY	Wichita
DEC. 11—HASTINGS COLLEGE	HAYS
DEC. 14—KEARNEY, NEBRASKA	HAYS
DEC. 17—CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	HAYS
DEC. 28, 29, 30—SUNSHINE TOURNEY	Portales, N. M.
* JAN. 4—ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE	HAYS
* JAN. 8—EMPORIA STATE	HAYS
* JAN. 14—SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE	Winfield
* JAN. 15—PITTSBURG STATE	Pittsburg
JAN. 25—NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA	HAYS
* JAN. 29—WASHBURN UNIVERSITY	Topeka
* FEB. 5—SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE	HAYS
* FEB. 8—EMPORIA STATE	Emporia
* FEB. 12—PITTSBURG STATE	HAYS
* FEB. 19—WASHBURN UNIVERSITY	HAYS
* FEB. 26—ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE	Atchison

* Central Intercollegiate Conference Games

ALL HOME GAMES 8 P.M.

Press and Radio Brochure



1954-55 BASKETBALL

AT

FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE

Member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

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ABOUT FORT HAYS STATE

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. M. C. Cunningham, President of the college
Dr. E. R. McCartney, Dean of the college
Dr. Donald Adey, Head of Dept. of Health, Physical Education & Recreation.

ADMISSION:

Adults - - - - -	\$ 1.00
Students - - - - -	.60
Children - - - - -	.25
Reserved seats - - - - -	1.25
Season ticket - - - - -	11.00

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE:

Edwin Davis, President; Dr. W. D. Moreland, Vice-President; Walter Keating, Secretary--Treasurer; R. U. Brooks, Dr. Ralph Coder, Dr. M. C. Cunningham, Paul B. Gross, Dr. E. R. McCartney, Andrew Riegel, Wilmont Toalson, Faculty representatives.

ATHLETIC STAFF

Paul B. Gross, Director of Athletics
Ralph Huffman, Head Football Coach
Cade Suran, Head Basketball Coach
Alex Francis, Head Track Coach

BAND:

Fort Hays Kansas State College Band, Harold G. Palmer, Director

COLLEGE PUBLICITY:

Troy Crowder, News Service Director Phone 4-5611 Station 60

COLORS:

Gold and Black. The Tigers will wear white pants and jerseys at home and black pants and jerseys away.

CONFERENCE:

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference--Emporia State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas; Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays, Kansas; Pittsburg Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas; St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas; Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas; and Washburn Municipal University, Topeka.

ENROLLMENT:

Approximately 1,675 students

EMBLEM:

Tiger

LOCATION:

Hays, Kansas, Population Approximately 10,000
Sheridan Coliseum, Seating Capacity 3,000

NEWS OUTLETS:

Hays Daily News--Pat Taylor, Sports Editor - Phone 4-3421
Radio Station KAYS--Phone 4-2578

TIME FOR GAMES:

All home games begin at 8 p.m.

1954-55 TIGER SQUAD

	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
Jerry Anderson	Phillipsburg	6-0	148	19	So.	G
Marvin Andrews	Formosa	6-4	195	20	Sr.	F
Charles Auston	Alexander	6-1	145	18	F.	F
Richard Bland	Larned	6-5	190	20	So.	C
Joe Butcher	Cimarron	6-3	175	19	So.	F.
Melvin Christensen	Menlo	6-4	190	21	Sr.	F-C
Don Earley	Formosa	6-3	180	18	F.	F
Ronnie Epps	Miama, Okla.	5-11	168	19	F.	G
Melvin Gardner	WaKeeney	5-11	165	19	Jr.	F
Kendall Gish	Glen Elder	5-11	150	18	F.	G
Jack Hiebert	Chase	6-2	184	20	So.	F
Douglas Holloway	Alton	5-11	150	18	F.	F
Ben Howe	Paradise	6-1	171	19	F.	F
Merrill Hergert	Otis	6-0	160	22	F.	F
Don Hull	Waldo	5-8	180	19	F.	F
Bernie Johnson	Brookville	6-0	170	18	So.	G
Dan Johnson	Hays	6-3	210	18	F.	C
James Johnson	Solomon	5-10	155	19	So.	G
Mike Kirkpatrick	Salina	6-0	172	18	F.	F
Myron Meier	Salina	5-9	140	19	So.	F
Max Meuli	Hope	5-11	160	18	So.	G
Bud Moeckel	Sylvia	6-1	170	21	Sr.	F
James Niernberger	Ellis	6-0	165	18	F.	F
Wayne Pricer	Palco	6-0	172	19	So.	G
Gilbert Pruyn	Ellsworth	6-5	220	21	So.	C
Maurice Reitzel	Natoma	6-3	155	18	F.	C
Bill Rupp	Hays	6-3	170	23	Sr.	G
Bob Samples	Hoxie	5-10	173	18	F.	G
William Smith	Gorham	5-11	160	18	F.	G
Don Spaulding	Phillipsburg	5-11	145	18	F.	G

Dale Swisher	Gypsum	6-2	175	19	Jr.	F
LaVerne Wesley	Ada	6-2	175	18	F	F
Troy Young	Larned	5-10	176	18	F	G
Nick Yunk	Osborne	6-1	170	21	Sr.	G

TIGER SKETCHES

RETURNING SOPHOMORES:

Jerry Anderson---The 6-0 forward had an opportunity to play on the varsity at times during last year's season, and showed up well at a guard spot.

Joe Butcher---His 6-3 could help the Tiger height in seasons to come, and he has the shot to go with it. He saw little action on the varsity, but was a strong competitor on the B team.

Melvin Gardner---Actually a junior in classification, "Bud" first went out for varsity ball last fall and made the grade. He is a very steady performer and an offensive threat.

Jack Hiebert---The 6-2 forward transferred to Fort Hays State last year and did work out with the team during the second semester.

Bernie Johnson---Made the varsity last year, but saw only limited action on the first team. His high school record and B squad ball indicate that he is potentially a top performer.

Max Meuli---Another of last year's sharp freshman crop that held over for another year with Coach Suran. The 5-11 guard's efforts were confined to the B squad during the 1953-54 season.

LETTERMEN:

Marvin Andrews--as a senior, the big forward will be playing his fourth year on the starting five. Last season he set a new individual scoring record at 357 points by averaging 17 per game. His performance off the boards as well as his scoring ability earned him a spot on the all-CIC team.

Melvin Christensen--hindered by shin splints as a junior, Chris is expected to be back among the conference's top scorers this year. As a sophomore he dropped in 333 points to lead the Tigers and the league in scoring. Seeing limited action last season, he still accounted for 214 points during his third year on the starting unit.

James Johnson--as a freshman, the speedy guard rattled the opposition on many occasion with his surprising ball-stealing antics. He saw a lot of action for Coach Suran during his first year, and is one of the few freshman in the college's history to win letters in three sports.

Myron Meier--one of the smallest men on the squad, is a good ball-handler. Meier was a top-notch freshman prospect last season, and should see a lot of action on this team at his guard spot.

Bud Moeckel--along with Christensen and Andrews, is playing his fourth year on the starting lineup. Also a top scorer, he dumped in 269 points for the Tigers as a junior by upping his average to 12.8 per game. The rangy guard hits most of his shots from way out, and has the ability to get them off in a hurry.

Bill Rupp--the service returnee, returned for his last year of college competition for the Tigers. The 6-3 guard, who played service ball with some of the the country's top college talent, may play an important in the Tiger fortunes this year. Besides adding height to the team, he has a nice long shot that could help Bengal scoring.

Gilbert Pruyn--the tallest man on the squad at 6-5, he could come into his own this year with the Tigers. A KU transfer, he became eligible at the semester last year, and showed a lot of possibility at the center position.

Dale Swisher--the only junior letterman, he should see more action this year. The 6-2 forward is a good rebounder and has a nice shot.

Nick Yunk--playing his last year of varsity ball for Coach Suran, is another of the top reserves of past teams that may be called upon to carry a bigger share of the load. He is a 6-1 guard.

FRESHMEN:

Charles Austin--a 6-1 forward on the frosh squad, he played his high school ball at Alexander, alternating between the center post and forward.

Richard Bland--a transfer from K-State, the rangy 6-5 center is a good prospect for the varsity squad this year. He played for Larned in 1952.

Don Earley--played on the classy Formosa team that chalked up a 21-3 mark and took third in the regional tournament. He averaged 24.7 points per game at the center post.

Ronnie Epps--played on the local Ban Johnson baseball team. In basketball his Miami, Oklahoma, team placed second in their league. He was an all-conference guard.

Kendall Gish--played forward during his high school days at Glen Elder. The 5-10 freshman hit 19 points per game.

Douglas Holloway--captained the Alton team that won their conference and the district tournament. He averaged 27.5 points in prep play and looks like a top prospect.

Ben Howe--a center-forward on the Paradise squad that won the regional and district before losing out in the state (25-6 record). He was named to the all-state second team.

Merrill Hergert--a veteran who has been out of Otis high school four years. The 6-footer is having his first try at college basketball this season.

Don Hull--was a guard on the Waldo team that tied for first in the Lincoln-Branch league with a 17-5 mark.

Dan Johnson--the big freshman who made himself known at Fort Hays State for his football ability. A native of Hays, he played both basketball and football on strong Hays High teams.

Mike Kirkpatrick--another gridder who has turned to roundball. The big forward played on the CKL championship Salina team and won honorable mention in the league.

James Niernberger--a six-footer who played his prep ball on the Ellis ball club that took third in their conference.

Wayne Pricer--a transfer from KU, played his high school ball at Palco two years ago. He averaged approximately 10 points per game from the forward spot.

Maurice Reitzel--a 6-3 center on the Waldo team that took second in the district last year. He contributed 14.7 points per contest.

Bob Samples--a freshman quarterback on the grid squad, the Hoxie product also knows his way around a basketball court. His prep team was second in the district and third in the regional.

William Smith--played guard on the Gorham high school team last year, and hit approximately nine points per game.

Don Spaulding--a guard on Phillipsburg's squad that won the district and took second in the regional.

LaVerne Wesley--averaged 22 points on a 17-5 Ada team that won second in the district. He stands 6-2 and plays forward.

Troy Young--another of the FHS gridgers who reported to Coach Cade Suran this winter. The 5-10 Larned product plays guard.

THE COACHING STAFF

PAUL "BUSCH" GROSS, Director of Athletics:

After piloting Tiger basketball teams for sixteen seasons, "Busch" is now acting as director of athletics at Fort Hays State.

Gross first entered the Fort Hays State scene as a freshman in 1917. He served in World War I, and came back to star in both football and basketball with the Tigers. After graduating in 1922 he began his coaching high school sports at LaCrosse. He spent one year at LaCrosse, one at Howard, and six years at Augusta where his championship teams were known all over the state.

Gross came back to Fort Hays State in 1930 as head basketball coach, and was co-director of athletics until 1935 when he became full director. His basketball teams tied for the conference title twice and finished in second place many times before he gave up his active coaching duties in 1946. The Athletic Director received a master's degree in physical education from the University of Missouri in 1939.

CADE SURAN, Head Basketball Coach:

In eight seasons as head basketball coach at Fort Hays State, Coach Cade Suran's teams have chalked up 116 victories while losing only 61. In 1950 they captured the CIC league title for the first time in the history of the school. Suran's teams tied for second place in 1947, tied for third place in 1948, finished second in 1949, won the league championship in 1950, finished fourth in 1951, second in 1952 and '53.

In an up and down season, last year's squad placed fifth in the conference, but managed an 11-10 overall record.

This will be Cade's 21st year as a basketball coach, and his teams, including his Fort Hays State clubs, have won better than 70 percent of their games during that time.

After spending his high school days at Kipp, Suran attended Emporia State before transferring to Kansas Wesleyan University where he earned his bachelor's

degree. A varsity forward for four years at Kansas Wesleyan, he held high-scoring honors in the Kansas conference as a sophomore. During his junior year, he was again top scorer in the conference, and was chosen captain of the all-conference team.

From college Suran began his coaching career at the high school level, and coached outstanding teams at Harlan, Downs, and Wellington before joining the Fort Hays State staff.

Suran is also assistant track and football coach and physical education instructor. He received his master's degree in education at Fort Hays State in 1950. He is married and has two daughters, Sue and Kay.

ALEX FRANCIS, Head Track Coach:

Another Fort Hays State graduate who returned to coach at his alma mater, Francis has been head track coach at Fort Hays State since 1946. In his initial season as track coach, his cinder squad captured the Central conference title for the first time in the history of the school. The Tiger thinclads repeated in 1952 season to grab the title after three seasons in second place and a 1948 tie with Emporia State for the championship. For the two last seasons his squad again has been a power, taking second both years.

Francis, star place-kicker with the Tiger gridsters, graduated from Fort Hays State-1935 and received his master's degree in physical education from the University of Missouri in 1940. He spent his high school coaching days directing football and track at Mankato, Holton, Oberlin and Abilene.

Alex spent four and one-half years as a physical training director with Army Air corps and was discharged with the rank of captain. Besides being head track coach, he is football backfield coach, director of men's intramurals, and physical education instructor at Fort Hays State. He is married and has two sons, Michael and John.

RALPH "RED" HUFFMAN, Head Football Coach; Assistant in Basketball

Just completing his eighth year as head football coach, "Red" has been guiding the Tiger grid fortunes since 1946. His 1954 club at Fort Hays State tied for the CIC championship, the college's first title since 1936, with a 7-2 record.

Huffman was all-conference and all-state football center at Fort Hays State in 1936. After graduation he began his coaching career at Atwood where he spent two years. From there he moved to Dodge City junior college where he coached three years. In 1942 he received his master's degree in physical education from the University of Missouri, and joined the physical education staff at Fort Hays State.

During 1943 and 1944 "Red" was on the physical education staff of the army aviation program at Fort Hays State. In 1945 he became line coach at Kansas university, and next year returned to Fort Hays State as head coach. "Red" is married and has two sons, Dave and Don.

1953-54 TIGER SCORES

Fort Hays State

75	Northwestern Oklahoma	61
54	Wichita University	76
85	Southwestern Oklahoma	74
74	Northwestern Oklahoma	59
88	Augustana college	78
94	McPherson	74
80	Washburn	79
63	St. Benedict's	62
79	Regis	66
80	Southwestern	73
60	Southwestern	66
70	Pittsburg State	76
50	Wichita University	102
71	Regis	75
62	Emporia State	79
58	St Benedict's	66
78	Washburn	88
55	St. Benedict's	79
81	Pittsburg State	73
57	Emporia State	51
61	Washburn	80

Total pts. 1475

1537

Game average 70.2

73.2

Season record Won 11 Lost 10

Central Intercollegiate Conference Record: Won 3 Lost 7(fifth place)

A HISTORY OF GAMES WON AND LOST AT FORT HAYS STATE

Year	Won	Lost	Coach
1907-09	No record of games won and lost		Claude Bice
1910	No record of games won and lost		S. W. Cunningham
1911	No record of games won and lost		Claude Bice
1912-13	No record of games won and lost		Ira H. Van Cleve
1914	6	1	Ira H. Van Cleve
1915	No record of games won and lost		Ira H. Van Cleve
1916	No record of games won and lost		W. G. "Bunt" Speer
1917	10	7	W. G. "Bunt" Speer
1918	6	1	W. G. "Bunt" Speer
1919	3	9	W. G. "Bunt" Speer
1920	6	6	A. J. Robertson
1921	3	9	George J. Woodward
1922	7	7	George J. Woodward
1923	5	10	George J. Woodward
1924	5	10	Frank Mandeville
1925	10	5	Frank Mandeville
1926	8	9	Frank Mandeville
1927	13	4	Frank Mandeville
1928	3	9	Harold Schmidt
1929	4	8	Harold Schmidt
1930	2	10	Harold Schmidt
1931	10	9	Harold Schmidt
1932	14	4	Paul "Busch" Gross
1933	9	10	Paul "Busch" Gross
1934	10	6	Paul "Busch" Gross
1935	15	6	Paul "Busch" Gross
1936	13	6	Paul "Busch" Gross
1937	14	4	Paul "Busch" Gross
1938	12	5	Paul "Busch" Gross
1939	9	8	Paul "Busch" Gross
1940	11	4	Paul "Busch" Gross
1941	9	6	Paul "Busch" Gross
1942	9	7	Paul "Busch" Gross
1943	14	3	Paul "Busch" Gross
1944	11	4	Bill Whitaker
1945 - No Basketball			
1946	8	8	Paul "Busch" Gross
1947	11	8	Cade Suran
1948	14	6	Cade Suran
1949	17	6	Cade Suran
1950	19	8	Cade Suran
1951	10	11	Cade Suran
1952	18	6	Cade Suran
1953	15	7	Cade Suran
1954	11	10	Cade Suran
Total	376	265	

1953-54 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<u>Player</u>	<u>No. Games</u>	<u>Field Goals</u>			<u>Free Throws</u>			<u>Points</u>	
		<u>scored</u>	<u>fga</u>	<u>pct.</u>	<u>scored</u>	<u>fta</u>	<u>pct.</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>ave.</u>
Marvin Andrews	21	120	332	36.1	117	174	67.2	357	17.0
Melvin Christensen	16	77	197	39.1	60	114	52.7	214	13.4
Merlyn Moeckel	21	102	297	34.3	65	101	64.3	269	12.8
Gary Ausbun	21	61	164	37.2	43	74	58.1	165	7.9
Toby Johnson	21	45	157	28.7	28	57	49.0	118	5.6
Gene Anderson	21	36	101	35.6	43	59	72.9	115	5.5
Nick Yunk	20	23	70	32.9	19	32	59.4	65	3.3
Dale Swisher	14	8	21	38.1	25	42	59.5	41	2.9
Gilbert Pruyn	6	11	35	31.4	12	26	46.2	34	5.7
Myron Meier	13	11	42	26.2	10	15	66.7	32	2.5
Don King	9	4	16	25.0	5	12	41.7	13	1.4
Jerry Anderson	6	5	15	33.3	2	7	28.6	12	2.0
Ronald Gridley	7	3	14	21.4	5	10	50.0	11	1.6
Larry Neelly	3	2	5	40.0	4	8	50.0	8	2.7
Bernie Johnson	5	0	2	00.0	6	9	66.7	6	1.2
Melvin Gardner	4	3	9	33.3	0	4	00.0	6	1.5
Bill Wilkens	9	0	7	00.0	5	14	35.7	5	.5
Verlyn Kroege	3	1	4	25.	2	4	50.0	4	1.3
		<u>512</u>	<u>1488</u>	<u>34.4%</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>59.2</u>	<u>1475</u>	