

Added "Color" Makes Squad Top Team

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on the all-star team. He and fellow Gulf All-Star and Louisvilleian Larry Holman were on the Kentuckiana Basketball Association team that won the AAU competition in Indiana last year. (Bradley and Holman are roommates on the Gulf Stars trip.)

Other players on the Gulf team include Steve Thomas, twice an All-America at Xavier University, and Curt Gammell, an NAIA All-America from Pacific Lutheran.

Keeping such players eligible for international amateur competition while permitting them to stay in good shape is a major reason for the Gulf All-Stars team.

"Although we have been winning the Olympics competition," Coach McGregor said, "the lack of an adequate pool of competent, well-prepared basketball players in the years between the Games has led to defeat in the World Basketball Championships of 1950, 1958 and 1962. In 1965, the United States lost to Yugoslavia in an Invitational World Tournament."

McGREGOR SEES two causes for losses such as these: (1) Many world tournaments are held during the normal U.S. school year, keeping college stars out of competition; and (2) the standard of basketball around the world is improving rapidly.

"Gulf hopes," he said, "that by providing an opportunity to compete and gain experience in international competition for our graduating university athletes, that these players in turn will be able to make a contribution to the teams which will represent the U.S.A. in international play."



GULF OIL'S GIANTS--"I'm surrounded by giants," Gulf Oil Corporation All-Star Coach Jim McGregor says to the cameraman. With him is the nucleus of the All-Star team now touring Latin America--and everybody's from Kentucky or Tennessee. To McGregor's right are three men from Louisville, Ky.: Larry Holman, 6-5 forward; Dan Kean, Gulf Oil Public Relations Representative; and Bill Bradley, 5-11, former Tennessee State star and a guard on the Gulf team. To McGregor's left are two Tennesseans, Tom Woods, 6-5 center from East Tennessee State and Alcoa, Tenn., and 6-6 forward Jerry Graves, former Mississippi State ace who now teaches school in his native Jackson, Tenn. Holman and Bradley, who have played together before in AAU competition, are roommates on the Gulf Oil tour.

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