

# 1930



Gervers



Berwanger

## Season of 1930

**T**HE SECOND ENCOUNTER with the Dayton Flyers, although not a Buckeye Conference game, proved to be one of the most thrilling seen on the Cincinnati court this season. The first half of the contest was rather slow, but in the second period both teams came to life and played some remarkable basketball. The Flyers were enjoying a 31-29 lead as Willie Popp tossed in the goal which tied the score just as the final gun sounded. In the overtime period to decide the tie, Popp again proved his worth, for he sank the basket which put Varsity on the long end of a 36-35 count. White, just to cinch the game, then tossed in a foul shot to make the grand total 37-35 in the Bearcats' favor.

The final game of the season was played with Miami, our traditional rivals. With the Burnet Woods gym filled to capacity, the Bearcats and the Big Reds played to an audience which had come to see the Bearcats emerge victorious, for to win this game meant first position in the Buckeye race. The entire contest was featured by the fine team-work of both aggregations, and at no time was the result at all certain, because the score was tied no less than five times at various stages of the game. The Bearcats, although leading 5-1, soon became the victims of an 11-9 score, and were trailing 15-17 at the end of the half. The last few moments saw the Cincinnati fans in a frenzy as Miami led 33-31. However, the Bearcats managed to tie the score at 33 all, and then both teams tried frantically to work the ball into scoring position. During the final seconds of play, White broke through the Big Reds' defense and tossed the leather sphere through the hoop to win the game 35-33, thus bringing a most successful season to a fitting close.

The lion's share of praise goes to Popp, whose fine work helped the Bearcats make their remarkable record. Incidentally, Popp's total of 97 points scored during the season, placed him second in the high-scoring marathon of the Buckeye Conference. Flax, Berwanger, and Kunz also deserve an abundance of credit for their efforts during the season. The misfortune of Gervers' ineligibility removed a valuable man from the Cincinnati quintet. Of the reserves, Kiesling, Nelson, Rogoff, White, and Wright looked best.

Next year, although graduation and the three year rule of competition will exact a mighty toll, Varsity stands an excellent chance of again garnering high honors. The experienced reserves and the numerous promising Freshmen foretell a basketball machine which will be hard to beat.



Nelson



Popp



Flax