

## HARRY LANCASTER

### Assistant Coach

When Harry Lancaster finds a spare moment to reflect on his days as an all-around star athlete at Georgetown (Ky.) College back in the early thirties, he can recall with a degree of dismay how close



he came to never pursuing the "round ball" sport that in the days since has earned him a somewhat unique position in the basketball world.

An All-Conference halfback for three straight years and captain during his last two seasons, Lancaster's football career almost overshadowed his play on the basketball court. In the cage sport, he was equally successful—with three All-Conference nominations and two team captaincies to his credit—but considered himself a better football player than cager. Experience, however, proved him a good student and teacher of the sport of basketball as he began his

coaching career and he now carries no regrets over the choice he made.

Lancaster bosses a promising group of yearling cagers and holds down the position of assistant varsity basketball coach and general right hand man to the fabulous Adolph Rupp. When he was made a full-time assistant by Coach Rupp in 1948, Lancaster joined a very select group due to the general scarcity of such positions at major colleges and universities. Even today, most teams rely on only part-time assistants.

Born in Paris, Ky., in 1911, Lancaster attended Paris High School where he played four years in all sports, being coached at one time by Kentucky's current Head Football Coach Blanton Collier. Following graduation in 1928, he continued his athletic career at Georgetown College and gained star recognition in football, basketball and baseball. After finishing at Georgetown in '32, Harry remained on for the next school year as an assistant coach in both the grid and cage sports be-