THE 1959 WONDER BOYS

FIRST ROW (Left to right): Pete Collins (38), Eddie Sayre (39), Van Lee (43), James Bainbridge (64), Larry Gershner (60), Bill Curtis (44), Gary Hickey (45), Henry Brummett (46), George Clark (49), Glen Moseley (55), Richard Maxwell (65), Wayne Parmley (66), Mike Horne (77).

SECOND ROW (Left to right): Robert Jones (57), Eddie Donahue (54), Charles Ray (76), Monte Boley (40), Jim Argo (41), Roger Lee (42), Kenneth Necessary (68), Gordon Wilson (78), Richard Gardner (53), James Dowdy (63), Charles Riegel (64), Jim Bryant (58), John Ingram (52), Carroll Kemp (60), Mike Boyd (59).

THIRD ROW (Left to right): Don Dempsey, assistant coach, Harley Davis (79), Thomas Sawyer (87), Jerry Bridges (72), Lyn Hallum (48), George Leonard (47), Freddie Roberts (62), Don Hart (61), Calvin Moore (70), Buddy Cagle (83), B. J. Moore (50), Mike McGibbony (51), Gary Bell (73), John Goff (71), Marvin Salmon, coach.

FOURTH ROW (Left to right): Larry Dane (62), John Scherry (73), Tommy Henson (74), Bobby Phillips (45), Larry Fisher (81), Ronnie Price (85), Jerry Mackey (90), Doyle Fleming (69), Powell McClellan (64), Bob Guthridge (60), Frank Smart (88), Dickie James (82), Carl Daily (56), Johnny King (81).
Johnny King (81), Jim Argo (41), and Tommy Henson (74) were captains of this year's football team.
Ordinarily a 5-3 football record for an Arkansas Tech grid team would seem rather dismal but Wonder Boy coaches Marvin “Shorty” Salmon and Don Dempsey look back on this year’s campaign with feelings of accomplishment.

It was a rebuilding season for the Techsters and, according to the Wonder Boy mentors, a successful one. “We’re going to be real tough next year,” says Coach Salmon, assaying the prospects for the coming season. “We’ll have to be”, he added, “we have a tougher schedule.” Tech opens its 1960 season against Northeast Oklahoma, the National Champion of NAIA football in 1958.

The Wonder Boys finished fourth in the AIC standings this year, losing to co-champions Arkansas State Teachers and Henderson by identical 14-12 scores. Their other loss was to Southern State, 14-0. Tech drubbed Arkansas A&M 24-13 in the season opener and walloped Hendrix 25-7 following to the Southern State Muleriders. A 13-7 conquest of Southeast State of Oklahoma in Tech’s only non-league action of the year interrupted the losses to the conference champs.

The Wonder Boys reached their peak with a sparkling 40-12 performance over their thirty-first Dad’s Day victim, Ouachita Baptist College. A 14-0 shutout of College of the Ozarks provided the season’s finale.
Tech Places Ten On ALL-AIC Team

POWELL McCLELLAN  
Defensive End  
All-AIC First Team

JOHN SCHERRY  
Defensive Tackle  
All-AIC First Team

ROGER LEE  
Defensive Halfback  
All-AIC First Team

CHARLES RUSGIS  
Offensive Guard  
All-AIC Second Team

BILL CURTIS  
Offensive Halfback  
All-AIC Second Team

JIM ARGO  
Fullback  
All-AIC Second Team

CALVIN MOORE  
Defensive Tackle  
All-AIC Second Team

WAYNE PARMLEY  
Middle Guard  
All-AIC Second Team

JIM BRYANT  
Defensive Halfback  
All-AIC Second Team
Wonder Boys Wallop A&M In Opener

Bill Curtis (44) is swarmed under by a host of ASTC tacklers in the Homecoming contest.

RUSSELLVILLE, Oct. 3 — Exploding for three touchdowns in the second half, Tech's freshman laden Wonder Boys mastered Arkansas A&M 24-13 in a battling season-conference opener.

Techster halfback Henry Brummett snared an Aggie fumble on A&M's first offensive maneuver giving Tech possession of the ball on the Boll Weevil 33-yard line. After an incomplete pass on the first down, Wonder Boy veteran Roger Lee burst up the middle for the score. Monte Boley's point-after attempt was low giving Tech a 6-0 lead with less than three minutes of the season gone.

Rugged defense by A&M and a slippery ball from a heavy pre-game downpour contributed to stopping three Wonder Boy drives deep in Aggie territory during the third quarter. Two of the drives were halted inside the one-yard line. A 15-yard pass play from Boley to Brummett penetrated the Weevil's goal-line defense on Tech's fourth consecutive scoring threat.

Tech iced the game in the final stanza with back to back TD's by Lee and freshman Bill Curtis. Both scoring thrusts were from the one-yard stripe.

A&M's only serious threat was in the third period when a 66-yard scoring jaunt cut the Tech lead 12-6. The other Aggie marker was a 70-yard scoring jaunt within the game's last 25 seconds.
Southern Blanks Techsters, 14-0

MAGNOLIA, Oct. 10 — Southern State's Mule-riders spurred for two quick TD's early in the second period and then dug in the heels of their defensive boots to horse-collar Tech, 14-0.

A brutal 'Rider forward wall, largest in the A.L.C. gained the all important field position and turned two Tech miscues into touchdowns.

A penalty on the first encounter of the second stanza backed the Wonder Boy defense to their own seven-yard line. Two plays later the 'Riders pushed over from the one.

A blocked kick moments later again gave Southern possession on the Wonder Boy seven-yard marker. A touchdown-PAT repeat furnished the 'Riders with the nest egg they retained throughout the remainder of the game.

Tech threatened once in the final period. Eddie Sayre hauled in a booming 'Rider punt on his own 19-yard line and scammed down the sideline to the Southern State 38. This drive was stopped short by a pass interception on the 16.

The 'Riders effected a stall in the waning moments to kill the Wonder Boys offensive movement and administered the only whitewashing of Tech of the 1959 campaign.

Records later showed this to be only the second shutout for Tech in the past ten years.
CONWAY, Oct. 16 — Victory hungry but cautious Tech bantered with Hendrix for most of the initial period before unleashing an offensive show that wrecked the small but game Warriors, 25-7.

After a pair of punt exchanges placed the Wonder Boys in possession on the Hendrix 48, Techsters B. J. Moore, Pete Collins and Jim Argo solved the Warrior defense to the four-yard stripe, from where Argo bulled over for the six-pointer.

Moments later, in the second quarter, Argo notched his second TD with a two-yard plunge. Following what proved to be the clinching marker, Bob Jones split the uprights for a 13-0 Tech lead. Argo's smash followed by six plays a Wonder Boy fumble-recovery on the Warrior 20.

Hendrix got back in the game in the second quarter when Pete Smith ended a 45-yard scoring drive, sneaking over from the one. The Methodists converted leaving it 13-7 at halftime.

After linebacker George Leonard captured a Hendrix miscue on the 49 early in the third frame, Tech pushed rapidly to the one and Henry Brummett gathered the remainder.

Substitutes finished the contest from this point, with quarterback Lynn Hallum guiding the attack and personally accounting for a final marker with a one-yard plunge.
Roger Lee (right) and Jim Bryant apply the brakes to fleet-footed Henry Hawk. The ASTC ground-gaining ace netted only 42 yards, his season low, against the hardheaded Tech defense.

ASTC Clips Wonder Boys, 14-12

RUSSELLVILLE, Oct. 24 — It was billed “The AIC game of the year” and to 6,500 screaming fans Tech’s 12-14 homecoming loss to arch-rival Arkansas State Teachers College wasn’t necessarily that limited.

Tech struck first and furious taking leads of 6-0 and 12-7, but ASTC’s accurate placements plus the matching six-pointers gave the Bears a two point margin at halftime that weathered the scoreless second half.

Tech rookie Bill Curtis accounted for the Wonder Boy’s first lead with a 10-yard scamper, with only 2.30 removed of the first period.

Teachers bounced back with a 49-yard drive to go ahead 7-6, but Tech hurriedly recovered the lead as Jim Argo bulled over from the two.

With only three minutes left in the half, Teachers added the clincher with a fourth down scoring pass from 26 yards out.

The scoreless second half was a series of frustrations for the Wonder Boys as their six drives failed in Teacher’s territory. The Bears, on the other hand, reached Tech’s side of the field only twice, with their deepest penetration being stopped on the 37.

Ellen Moore, wife of Tech gridster, Calvin Moore, was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime.
Sooners Dropped In Non-League Contest

RUSSELLVILLE, Oct. 31 — Facing their only non-conference foe of the season, the Wonder Boys overcame an early deficit to tame the Southeastern Oklahoma Savages, 13-7.

The Sooners recovered the opening kick-off on Tech's 22-yard line and moved to paydirt in only seven plays. The TD came on a five yard pass from quarterback John Kinyo to halfback Darvis Cole. Sam Davis' kick was true for a 7-0 Savage lead.

Late in the half, the Techsters took advantage of a short punt to drive for 35 yards and a score. Senior fullback Jim Argo crashed across right guard from the five to cut the margin to 7-6 at halftime.

The winning touchdown came after a 62-yard drive in the third quarter. The longest play of the march was a 14-yard scamper by Bill Curtis to the Savage 22. Curtis, Henry Brummett, and Argo made the rest on short runs. Argo went across from the four to cap the drive and give the Wonder Boys a 12-7 lead. Monte Boley's kick provided the final margin.

Southeastern threatened late in the contest, but pass interceptions by Jim Bryant and George Leonard broke up desperation attempts and the Wonder Boys ran out the clock.

Pete Collins (38) attempts to ward off a Reddie in a game with eventual AIC co-champion, Henderson.
Techsters Fall To Henderson

ARKADELPHIA, Nov. 5 — Henderson’s Red­dies took advantage of two big breaks to slip by the determined Wonder Boys, 14-12, and move into a first place tie in the AIC with Arkansas State Teachers College.

The same old inefficiency — failure to kick ex­tra points — plagued the Techsters and led to their defeat. The Wonder Boys at this point have scored 14 touchdowns but have succeeded in only two point-after attempts.

Henderson grabbed a Wonder Boy bobble on the Tech 20 early in the first stanza and moved to a fast 7-0 lead.

A bad pass from center set Tech back from the 28 to the two-yard line from where Arkadelphia built a 14-0 lead with a smash over center.

Fleetfooted Bill Curtis, right halfback reeled off a 44-yard scoring jaunt to put Tech back in the contest with a 14-6 count.

Tech gained its second counter shortly after the second half kickoff. After recovering a blocked Reddie punt on the 12, Henry Brummett carried to the two and Jim Argo went for the TD.

Neither team could effectively manipulate a running game for the remainder of the contest as sterling defensive play bottled the offensive ef­forts of both teams.
Tech Throttles
Ouachita 40-12

RUSSELLVILLE, Nov. 13 — With the support of a crowd of beaming fans, Tech grabbed its thirty-first Dad's Day win by trampling the Ouachita Tigers, 40-12.

Tech scored in the first quarter when end Tiger McClellan intercepted a pass and returned it 14 yards to the Ouachita 31. Four plays later, halfback Bill Curtis sailed over from the 15. Guard Wayne Parmley kicked the first of his three straight conversions.

The Techsters counted three times in the second period to turn the game into a rout. Senior fullback Jim Argo scored twice for one yard and three yards. McClellan caught a partially blocked punt and sprinted 10 yards giving Tech a 27-0 halftime lead.

Tech tacked on a four-yard scoring smash in each of the last two periods relying mostly on reserve strength. Henry Brummett gathered the first marker to give the Techsters a 33-0 lead, and Carroll Kemp crashed over in the final period following Ouachita's 12 points. Tech tackle, Tommy Henson kicked the PAT following Kemp's TD.

Fumbles set up Ouachita's scores, one on a 25-yard lateral play by Frankie Francis and another for 68 yards by Tiger and Charles Davis.
RUSSELLVILLE, Nov. 21 — Tech's Green and Gold tide uncorked two long scoring drives to inundate the College of the Ozarks, 14-0, in the season finale.

The Mountaineers displayed an effective ground game in the opening frame that pushed the Tech-sters back on their own 15. Bob Jones intercepted a pass to kill the threat and give the Wonder Boys possession on the 10-yard hash mark.

With the ball on the 10 Tech drove 90 yards on 20 plays to score its first touchdown. Fullback Jim Argo climaxed the drive with a three-yard smash off right tackle. Wayne Parmley kicked the PAT for a 7-0 Tech lead.

In the final stanza the Wonder Boys put together a serious threat, picking up a first down on the Mountaineers' 28. However on three plays the Wonder Boys were penalized 60 yards, forcing Tech to punt.

The next time Tech got the ball the Wonder Boys drove 68 yards for the clinching touchdown. Henry Brummett scored standing up on a three-yard end sweep to cap the drive. Parmley again kicked true for the final point.

The victory closed out Tech's season on a 5-3 note with four of the wins coming in conference play. All the defeats were at the hands of AIC foes.
Caraway Hall's octopus won first place in the decoration contest.

Queen Ellen and her maids, Mona Martin, Joy McClellan, Tommye Olive, and Kay Duff, watch the Homecoming game.

Football Homecoming A Gala Affair

Colonel Croom, president of the Alumni Association crowns Ellen Moore thereby officially beginning her reign as Homecoming Queen.

The crowning of Queen Ellen Moore, wife of B. J. Moore of the Wonder Boy squad, by Colonel Fred Croom climaxed a day of Homecoming festivities at Tech.

Though the lack of transportation stymied the possibility of floats this year, there was a small Homecoming parade and pep rally downtown. To replace the missing floats, a dormitory decoration contest was held. Caraway Hall's octopus won the forty dollar first prize.

As another part of the celebration, Dulaney Hall, Tech's newest and most modern dormitory, was dedicated.

The game against State Teachers, Tech's arch-rival, drew the largest crowd of the season. The Wonder Boys performed creditably against the highly rated Bears, losing 12-14 because of extra points. This was the only low moment of an otherwise exciting day for Tech students and alumni.

Homecoming royalty other than Queen Ellen were Kay Duff, junior from Plummerville, Tommye Olive, junior from Russellville, Mona Martin, freshman from Russellville, and Joy McClellan, freshman from Harrison.
ELLEN MOORE
Homecoming Queen 1959
Basketball Team Takes AIC Title

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"We're looking to the future rather than to the past," Coach Sam Hindsman remarked during the 1959-60 basketball season.

The comment originally referred to Tech's 7-3 conference record following the second loss to AIC leader Arkansas State Teachers College. Although the Wonder Boys eventually claimed the conference title, the coach could sum it up no better.

Before the season began, Hindsman stated that inexperience would play a big part in his team's success. His early opinion was borne out during the regular season and loomed like a prophecy following the semi-finals loss in the post-season N.A.I.A. tournament.

With no seniors and only one junior on the Green and Gold squad, the fortune of the Wonder Boys relied mostly on freshmen this year. J. P. Lovelady, the team's only letterman, and Don Vance were the only veterans on the first unit until Larry Cotton returned at semester.

The rest of the load was shouldered most frequently by freshmen James and Frank Davis, Ken Saylors, Johnny Clayburn, Jack Hamm, and the squad's only other veteran, Bob Treat.

With the team's boundless potential in underclassmen, one finds it easy to gaze with Coach Hindsman toward the future.
Going high to reach the ball, Don Vance (54) manages to get it.

James Davis (50) attempts to defend the basket against a Louisiana Tech player.

The camera catches the expressions of the various players as the ball bounds from the backboard.
Tech 72—Delta State 54. To an experienced observer or a “post season prophet” much could be read into Tech’s first game of the season. Freshmen Kenny Saylors tossed in 23 points in his initial collegiate effort, taking high point honors for the game. Stalwart performers J. P. Lovelady and Don Vance also hit in the double digits while leading the Wonder Boys to a heavy rebound edge over the Statesmen.

Tech 105—Harding 81. Tech’s slack defense and torrid offense set the pace for the Harding Bisons in their AIC opener. The smaller Bisons were equal to the occasion, however. Hitting 51.9 percent from the field, the Techsters were never seriously threatened. Tech owned a 53-35 lead at half-time. First year men James Davis and Kenny Saylors paced the victors with 19 and 17 points respectively.

State Teachers 59—Tech 58. Basketing a free throw with six seconds remaining in overtime, Arkansas State Teachers College continued a two year jinx on the Wonder Boys by a one point margin. Trailing by as much as six points in the final frame, Teachers whittled consistently on the Wonder Boy lead. An ASTC basket in the final ten seconds sent the game into overtime with a 58-58 tie setting the stage for the overtime basket and Tech’s first loss of the season.

Tech 65—Arkansas A&M 56. After trailing the first twelve minutes, the Wonder Boys found the scoring range and drubbed the eventual N.A.I.A. District 5 Tournament winning Boll Weevils by a margin of eight points. J. P. Lovelady put the Techsters in front with a charity toss and they were never headed from that time on. Tech tyro Kenny Saylors paced the victors in the point department with 20.

Tech 88—Hendrix 56. Commanding a quick eight point lead, the run-and-shoot Tech offenses were never stopped, as they ran up the 32 point victory margin over the Methodists. Collectively the Wonder Boys hit 44 percent of their shots despite the fact that the entire squad saw action. The Methodists were held to a 29 percent clip. Jim Lovelady led the Tech team in scoring, with 18 points, and in rebounding, grabbing 13 off the boards.

Tech 81—College of the Ozarks 66. Publicity releases from the C of O camp prior to the contest listed this as the game of the decade for Ozarks. And well it might have been. The Mountaineers were studded with eager, impressive rookies and were unbeaten in league action. Tech countered with a well-oiled scoring machine, taking leads of 18-5, 27-8, and 42-27 in the first period. Ken Saylors, Jim Davis, and J. P. Lovelady scored 16, 15, 13 points respectively.

A mid-semester returnee Larry Cotton with his amazing defensive tactics aided the Techsters stretch drive for the championship. Here he bats down an attempted shot by a Harding Bison. Other Tech players are Jim Lovelady (52), Don Vance (54), and Ken Saylors (32).
Tech defensive specialist Don Salmon (15) gets blocked from behind as he goes up for a shot against College of the Ozarks.

Larry Cotton (10), Ken Saylor (32), and Don Vance (54) follow through on a charity toss by J. P. Lovelady (52).

Tech 81—St. Benedict’s 77. Exploding for 14 points in overtime after a 67-67 deadlock, Tech healed an old wound by cooling the highly touted Kansas crew. In the only previous meeting of the pair, St. Benedict’s whipped Tech in the semi-finals of the 1954 NAIA tournament, which the Kansans went on to win. Tech held a brief 1-0 lead but never ahead again until the overtime period. Kenny Saylor, Don Vance, and Jim Lovelady led Tech’s scoring with 28, 19, and 18 respectively.

Louisiana Tech 93—Tech 74. The Wonder Boys took brief leads of 6-5, and 8-7, and little else, except what Coach Hindsman called an education in the finer points of basketball. “It should help us,” Hindsman said after the game, “we learned a lot.” The Louisiana professor emeritus was the 6’5” All-American, Jackie Moreland, who had his best night of the year with 15 field goals and a total of 45 points. Ken Saylor and Jim Davis led Tech’s scoring with 23 points each. J. P. Lovelady tossed in 19 points.

Tech 95—Southern State 71. Tech led all the way against the on-again off-again Muleriders. The Riders all-league selection, Frank Dolan, was held
to 15 points, far below his season average. The Wonder Boys held a 46-38 advantage at halftime. Kenneth Saylors took scoring honors for the Techsters, bucketing 23 points. John Clayborn and J. P. Lovelady followed with 14 each.

Tech 111—Henderson 59. Tech was hitting at peak performance and the Reddies were at a low ebb. The result was obvious from the beginning. The Wonder Boys grabbed a fast seven points before the Reddies scratched in the scoring column, and put together 34 points while Henderson was building to nine. The Tech regulars, playing less than half the contest, scored 74 points. Freshman Kenny Saylors led the attack with 25 points.

Tech 98—Ouachita 96. With 30 seconds remaining in the contest J. P. Lovelady bucketed a two-hand jump shot from 25 feet out, giving Tech its first clear claim to the league title. Lovelady's game winning basket broke a 96-96 tie and snapped an eight game winning streak by the Baptists. Tech had the upper hand throughout the contest, owning a 48-40 advantage at halftime, and a 12 point margin late in the game. Jim Lovelady led all scorers with 26 points.
Arkansas College 89—Tech 87. A 34-foot toss, moments ahead of the buzzer, by Arkansas College’s Birdy Rogers knocked the props from under the Wonder Boys’ brief league lead. The Scots led most of the game, once by a 14-point spread, but Tech closed the gap in the final moments. Jim Lovelady tied the game with 1:10 left to play, setting the stage for Rogers’ desperation basket. Lovelady was high for Tech with 19.

Tech 116—Southern Baptist 65. The Techsters were clearly seeking to heal the wound of Arkansas College’s upset earlier in the week and this was the small non-conference Walnut Ridgers that had to bear the brunt of the revenge. Twelve of the 13 Wonder Boys seeing action contributed to the point parade. Don Vance enjoyed his best night, point-wise, leading all scorers with 20.

State Teachers 79—Tech 69. A smooth offense led by the 33-point output by John Robinson, the AIC’s top scorer, and a fly-paper-like defense proved an unbeatable combination to the Wonder Boys. After losing a short-lived 2-0 lead, the Techsters were forced to play catch-up ball throughout the contest. They edged within one at the 10-9 count and cut the margin to 48-44 in the later stages of the game.
Coach Hindsman (center) advises his charges during a time-out. J. P. Lovelady (52) towers over the group opposite the squad's pint-sized floor man, Jim Bryan (20). Frank Davis is to the immediate left of Hindsman.

Don Vance (54), Tech's 6-10 center controls the tip-off against Southern Baptist College. Jim Lovelady (52) and Johnny Clayburn (12) anticipate the tip from outside the circle.

Arkansas A&M 75—Tech 62. The tried-and-true conference dark horse, A&M, rared its head and served notice with this solid trouncing of Tech. The Wonder Boys weren't to lose again until they met these same Boll Weevils in the NAIA tournament semi-finals, but Tech's outlook was dim at this point. Now playing a deep third in the conference standings, the Wonder Boys were ready to begin their drive for the league title.

Tech 73—Delta State 59. A 30-point performance by Tech's 6'5" J. P. Lovelady set the Wonder Boys on their winning ways. The game began in a see-saw fashion, but Tech moved in front at 23-22 and was never headed. Tech sank 28 of 67 field goal attempts and dropped in 17 of 21 from the charity stripe. This game set Tech's season mark at 12-4.

Tech 69—Hendrix 61. Tech's height was the superior dividend in decisioning the upset-minded Warriors. J. P. Lovelady, 6'5", and Don Vance, 6'10", cleaned the backboards for the Techsters while leading the scoring with 20 and 19 points respectively. The Methodists were a constant threat throughout the game, but could get no closer than the 34-32 halftime tally.
Jack Bradford (22) lays up a crisp shot over the hand of a Harding Bison defensive man.

Jim Davis (50) gets a shot away among three would-be Ozark defenders. Jack Bradford (22) is in the background.
Tech 79—College of the Ozarks 60. After trailing 16-15 and 18-17, Tech solved the Mountaineers and held a 34-26 halftime advantage. With Tech's first two teams sharing equal billing, the Wonder Boys lead shifted from 20 to 18 points through most of the last half before settling on the 19 point winning margin. Jim Lovelady led Tech's well-balanced attack with 12 markers, followed closely by Don Vance and Bob Treat with 11 each.

Tech 89—Harding 73. Scoring 21 of his 30 points in the second half, Rookie Ken Saylors paced the Wonder Boys past the fiery, second division Bisons. Harding, at one stage in the final period, ran up a six-point margin over the Techsters. The Bisons, however, weakened under pressure in the late stages of the contest. Tech knotted the score, 68-68, with six minutes to play, and raced on to their 16 point margin with comparative ease.

Tech 57—Henderson 51. The Reddies, still smarting from the lambasting at the hands of the Wonder Boys earlier in the season, lashed out with pride and determination, but it failed to match up with Tech's superior shooting and height. Stressing slow, deliberate ball control and defense the Reddies led most of the first half, but were down 28-25 at the mid-point. Headed by a 17-point performance by Don Vance, Tech completely dominated the second stanza.

Tech 83—Ouachita 53. Tech hit a torrid 53 percent from the field and held Ouachita's offensive work to nil, knocking the Tigers from a first place tie to third in the league. The Wonder Boys jumped to a quick point lead, staved off a weak first half challenge by the Baptists, and then turned the contest into a rout Ken Saylors and Jim Davis led all scorers with 17 points each, followed closely by Jim Lovelady with 16.

Tech 77—Arkansas College 65. The same small, rowdy Highlanders, that earlier in the season knocked the Wonder Boys from a brief league-leading jaunt, were the door mats as Tech strode back into first position in the AIC. The Techsters jumped a 35-31 halftime advantage to 57-38 midway in the second stanza. The tech subs withstood the Scots closing efforts. Ken Saylors paced all scorers with 23 points.

Tech 87—Southern State 72. A 39-point shooting spree by Freshman Ken Saylors clinched the Wonder Boys' ninth AIC Title. After the early moments, Southern was never closer than eight points. Saylor's point total, second best individual effort in the league this year, ironically came against the Muleriders, whose Frank Dolan had previously posted the top mark with 40 points. Saylor closed the season as the league's top scorer and the third best shooter percentage wise.
Wonder Boy freshman sensation Kenny Saylors (32) fires one of his ever-dangerous shots from the left corner.

Tech's best all-around basketballer, J. P. Love- lady (52), demonstrates his skill in controlling the backboards by gathering two points on a tip-in. Don Vance (54) prepares to give assistance.
Dickie James (42) joins a scramble under the basket for control of the ball. Johnny Clayburn (12) appears ready to join the mix-up.

Tech 81—Henderson 57. Tech had no trouble controlling the Reddies in the third match of the year for the two clubs. The third victory at the expense of the Arkadelphians came in the first round of the District 17 NAIA Tournament at Pine Bluff. The Wonder Boys chipped in a hot .794 from the charity stripe in gaining the hefty advantage over the Reddies. Kenny Saylors tossed in 23 points.

Arkansas A&M 71—Tech 55. The surprise team of the conference, Arkansas A&M, snapped a Tech nine-game winning streak while extending their own streak to 13 in topping the Wonder Boys in the semi-finals of the NAIA Tourney. Tech lost an early lead with a 17-17 tie, and never regained control of the Aggies. The Techsters pulled even with the Weevils at the 26 and 35 point marks but trailed by 10 when A&M hit the half-century count. Ken Saylors chipped in 14 points for the Wonder Boys.
FIRST ROW (Left to right): David Snellings, Charles Warner, Jerry Grubbs, Mike Boyd, Bill Higgins, Glynn Mosley, Larry Gershner, Irl Green.
SECOND ROW (Left to right): Jim Harwood, Ronald Fair, Joe Gunter, Bruce Barrett, Bobby Rankin, Terry Curry, Bob Burtner, Robert Scott.

Baseball Team Makes A Slow Start

The Wonder Boys' baseball season got off to a slow start this year. At deadline time the record stood at eight losses and one tie.

After losing the opener to Henderson State Teachers College, Tech took on Mankato State, a small college in Minnesota. This team, considered one of the better small squads in the country, defeated the Techsters 7-5, 3-0, and 1-0 before continuing on their tour of the South.

The first battle with State Teachers ended in a 6-6 tie. The contest was finally called because of darkness. The game will be replayed in May if it affects AIC standings. The highlight of the game occurred when Terry Curry lined a fast ball into the left field bleachers to put Tech ahead by two runs in the sixth inning. The game went sixteen innings.

Don Dempsey left his position as coach at Mountain Home and returned to his alma mater to become the first full-time baseball coach as well as assistant coach of the football squad.

Last year the baseball team won three games and lost nine. The wins occurred in the first games against Henderson, Ouachita, and Harding.
Jack Warner (12) gets tossed out at first in a game against powerful Mankato State. Jim Shamy, Wonder Boy moundaman and first-base coach is far right.

Tech infielder Larry Gershner prepares to relay a grounder to first. Second baseman Ron Fair, far right, backed Gershner on the play.

A well-hit ball in right-center brings three Techsters together. From left they are Glen Brooks, John Grant and Jack Warner.
First-sacker Bruce Barrett holds a Mankato State runner close to the bag. Tech was beaten by the powerful Minnesota club by 4-0 and 1-0 scores.

Bruce Barrett takes an infield throw to nip a State Teachers' runner in their 16-inning marathon.

The Wonder Boy bench, probably the strongest in the league, concentrate on the batter during one of the early-in-the-season games.
Tech Track Team Shows Promise

Tech's 1959 track squad pulled down four firsts from the eight meets of the season. In three of the other four contests Tech's track team came out in second or third place.

Tech earned only ten points in the annual Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference meet after the regular season. This put Tech in sixth place.

Hendrix and State Teachers tied for first place with fifty points apiece. They were followed by Henderson, Ouachita, Harding, College of the Ozarks, and Arkansas A&M, whose team copped only one point.

Stand-outs on this year's team include Eddie Sayre, who has been running well in the hundred yard sprint and even better in the two-twenty. Ronald Price a freshman from Jacksonville has consistently thrown the discus over one-hundred and forty feet.

One of the best efforts of the season was the meet against Ouachita and Henderson. Tech accumulated almost twenty points more than the second place Hendrix did.

Severe weather has handicapped the track squad as well as the baseball team.
Track veteran Eddie Sayre, one of the league's best sprint men, takes a first in the 220.

Ronald Price uncorks a 141'-7" throw with the discus. At the time of the toss, it was the best distance in the AFC for the season.

Henry Brummett copped first with this leap in the broad jump.
Eddie Sayre edges Ozarks' Jim Cater in the 100-yard dash.

Pole vaulter Bill Curtis tops the bar in the Techsters' first meet.

Robert Pilgrim, a top point-getter for the thinclads, is on the way to a first place in the 220-yard dash.
Girls’ Team Hurt By Inexperience

Lack of experience contributed to the losing season of the team this year. Basketball know-how coupled with the addition of several new players should lead the squad to a better record next year.

Miss Margaret Wilson, mentor for the girls’ basketball, returned to Tech after an absence of one year.

No seniors are scheduled to graduate from the team and all will be back next year, giving Miss Wilson the nucleus to build a strong 1960-61 edition of the Wonder Girls.

Kay Lynn Wilson, sophomore from Stuttgart, Burla Hedden, junior from Mountain Pine, and Barbara Mattox, sophomore from Mountainburg were recipients of special awards in Arkansas Tech basketball this year. Kay Lynn placed on the All-AAU first team, Burla was chosen for the second team, and Barbara was awarded the annual sportsmanship trophy presented by all the girls on the team.

The Tech team competed in the AAU women’s basketball tournament, held at Little Rock, this year. The girls made it to the semi-finals where they were defeated by the team that went on to win the tournament.
Tech girls come up with the ball on the rebound.

Sue Sanderson, closely guarded by a member of the opposing team, attempts to bring the ball in toward the goal.