

NO. 12 -- RALPH BEARD
NO. 26 -- KENNY ROLLINS
NO. 27 -- WAH WAH JONES
NO. 15 -- ALEX GROZA
NO. 23 -- CLIFF BARKER

THE "FABULOUS FIVE" WERE ALEX GROZA (CENTER) RALPH BEARD AND KENNY ROLLINS (GUARDS), WAH WAH JONES AND CLIFF BARKER (FORWARDS). THIS FAMOUS 1948 TEAM WON 36 AND LOST 3 WHILE SWEEPING TO KENTUCKY' FIRST NCAA TITLE. THESE YOUNG MEN WENT ON TO PARTICIPATE AS A UNIT IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES -- HELPING THE UNITED STATES TEAM CAPTURE THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. ROLLINS GRADUATED AFTER THE 1948 SEASON, BUT THE REMAINING FOURSOME CONTINUED TO PLAY TOGETHER, BRINGING ANOTHER NCAA TITLE HOME TO KENTUCKY IN 1949 ON A RECORD OF 36-2.

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