

Big Six Cage Teams Square Off

KU Jayhawkers Exhibit Early Signs of Regaining Conference Perch After Eastern Invasion



In The
Sports Whirl

With Bob Miller

These Rumors...

Back to the grind again and with the start of classes, the old rumor chest is giving forth again. . . . Everything from immediate call to two year's deferment for reservists issues forth from said rumor chest. . . . The status of athletics is as uncertain as can be, with two members of the coaching staff helping to clear it up—to the muddy stage. . . . One of the two issued a statement that since the colleges would be taken over by the government that there would be plenty of fellows around next football autumn and intercollegiate athletics would go on forever. . . . The other tutor dragged out the crying towel and bemoaned the fact that there would only be girl's athletics offered in several months. . . . Just think up any old rumor you wish and then add a little assumed authority to it and you will be just as close to the actual situation as you ever will be.

Back to Normal...

What started out to be such a dreary year for the Husker cage stalwarts has backfired in the side-line forwards' collective face. . . . The Scarlet-clad basketekers dipped their banner low to allow their opponents in early season games to walk all over them such as Illinois. . . . But since then they seem to have been sparked by a rejuvenated fire and they are coming back to normal. . . . After dropping the Iowa U team from the ranks of the undefeated they held to a single point advantage, the high-scoring Indiana five, 40-39, in a vacation struggle on local hardwoods. . . . The Hoosiers had a 59 point average prior to mixing with the stubborn Husker defense. . . . Had Nebraska failed to drop Iowa, chances are that the Indianans would have cancelled their game. . . . If they had they could have maintained their high average.

Big Six Lid Off...

The afore-mentioned Huskers leapt to the rail by downing the K-State Wildcats in their first mix of the 1943 conference cage term Tuesday, just to keep the fire kindled. . . . John Thompson, vet forward, found the hoop for 13 points and scoring honors. . . . Don't be surprised if this team might nip a few choice pennant hopes in the bud. . . . So far Max Young has been the hub of the five as his steadying influence on defense and basket-sniping on offense seemed to give his Husker mates the confidence they need. . . . It's still young in the season but they're fighting and that's all that counts.

That Creighton Ensemble...

There's one team that is bringing the hardwood spotlight to the "White Spot" and that is the Creighton University five. . . . They have met the toast of the country and are undefeated in six starts. . . . Loisel, Beiser and Langer are easily national standouts after their recent invasion of the courts of the east with the epic 31-30 defeat over Long Island's record-breaking aggregation in the ample confines of Madison Square Garden. . . . At least, they are getting notice thru-out the country and it's all favorable, too.

My Ballot...

For two years we have thought that Georgia's Frankie Sinkwich had about everything that was required of an All-American. . . . This

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GERALD TUCKER.

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ALLIE PAINE.

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Iowa State has greenest hoop squad in history

Prep for Saturday fray with Wildcats

AMES, Ia.—Iowa State's inexperienced cagers, still a bit shaky after their close win over Iowa Teachers last week, will take their last hard drill Thursday night in preparation for the Big Six opener with Kansas State here Saturday.

The Cyclone squad that Louis Menze will send into his fifteenth conference season will be the greenest to represent Iowa State and probably could be rated the most inexperienced squad in league history. Rollin Kuebler, junior, is the only letterman on the first team. The only other "inexperience" on the squad is represented by Bob Hayes, an in-and-out senior who won a minor letter last year, and Reuben Mickelson, letterman who has not reached his 1942 form so far this season.

Experimenting Stage.

Menze has started four sophomores and Kuebler in each of the four games this year. Ray Wehde has been a fixture at one forward and guards Ron Norman and Gene Oulman have been in every game.

Chuck Gradoville, Roy Wehde, and Orlyn Feuerbach, have each had one starting assignment at forward. Mickelson opened at guard in place of Oulman in the first game of the year.

Cyclone individual scoring records:

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Rollin Kuebler	18	17	4	53
Ray Wehde	13	7	8	33
Ron Norman	8	2	13	18
Bob Hayes	8	2	0	18
Gene Oulman	3	8	7	10
Reuben Mickelson	4	0	3	6
Roy Wehde	2	0	2	4
Orlyn Feuerbach	1	2	4	4
Chuck Gradoville	1	0	1	2

Tattoo needles from Samoa, coconut shell cups from Guadalcanal, and native ornaments from New Caledonia are features of a collection recently donated to the University of California.

Winding up a stiff non-conference basketball campaign, Big Six schools ripped thru their final preparation last week for loop examinations and looming at the head of the parade were Dr. Forrest C. Allen's revitalized Jayhawkers.

Allen's Jayhawkers who flunked out the first semester of the casaba play with three defeats blazed down the stretch cuffing St. Bonaventure, St. Louis, Fordham and St. Joseph's and at present are favored to blaze right past conference foes.

Pressing the Jayhawkers to the tape last weekend with good performances were Nebraska, Iowa State, and Missouri. The improving Cornhuskers forced undefeated Indiana in losing a thriller 40 to 39. State's Cyclones spanked the Iowa Teachers, 34 to 33 and Missouri's Tigers swamped Fort Leonard Wood.

Big Six Play This Week.

Nebraska whipped Kansas State 41 to 32 to open the loop season, Tuesday night and Oklahoma and Kansas, last year's co-champs, gnaw each other at Norman Saturday in an important contest. Missouri collides with Kansas in the other outing, Wednesday.

The Oklahoma-Kansas game is slated to have a vital bearing on the Big Six title race. Both teams are loaded with cage big guns—Oklahoma has eight lettermen and Kansas boasts nine—and only a terrific loss of manpower to the armed forces seemingly can make the conference basketball scramble other than a 2-team affair.

Top scorer Gerald Tucker, husky pivot man, is the leading Sooner star but draws able support on offense from Allie Paine, junior floor general who was out of school last year. Kansas is spearheaded by Charley Black, wild scoring ace and sophomore; Otto Schnellbacher, who has averaged almost 11 counters per game, and rampaging Ray Evans, top Big Six guard.

Results Last Week.

Iowa State 34, Iowa State Teachers 33.
Kansas 31, Fordham 30.
Kansas 63, St. Joseph's 38.
Kansas 60, St. Louis 25.
Olathe, Kas., Air Base 45, Missouri 35.
Missouri 49, Ft. Leonard Wood 23.
Indiana 40, Nebraska 39.

This Week's Schedule.

Missouri and Olathe Air Base at Kansas City (Thursday).
Kansas State at Iowa State (Saturday).
Kansas at Oklahoma (Saturday).

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Whether he will be called at that time is still indefinite, however. University officials say the machinery for such an undertaking may not be completed by that time.

Meanwhile, both the university and manpower officials urge students to remain in school.

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