

# Black Can't Perform; Husker Hopes Lifted

## Huskers Must Stop Kansas

... Says Lew

Phog Allen's Kansas Jayhawks, terrors in Big Six cage circles though currently badly shaken by the loss of Charley Black, are today billeted at Lawrence, 250 miles southwest of here.

There Phog and his lads are scheming powerful processes through which they can overcome Nebraska tomorrow night and thereby remain undefeated in Big Six play.

Lew Tells 'Em.

Ad Lewandowski final press statement prior to the Jayhawk classic reflects the general sentiment that Scarlet fans possess toward the meeting. "We have been looking forward to this game for a long time and confidentially we're going to do everything in our power to whip the Kansas bunch."

Starting Husker lineup remains doubtful, though Lincoln scribes predict Lewandowski will open with the club that clicked in defeat against Olathe last week. Ken Elson, nimble-footed junior with a reliable basket eye, and Johnny Thompson, second high Husker scorer, did front line duty.

Lanky John Bottorf, potentially a great ball-hustler, opened at center, backed by reliable Max Young and high-scoring Bob Heinzelman at the guard berths. Fitzgibbon Scrappy.

Such performers as John Fitzgibbon, off and on a regular starter for three years; Fred Cassidy, rapidly-improving soph forward; Warren Marquiss, former Omaha Benson ace, are in for first-call duty. Fitzgibbon is a fifty-fifty possibility to start opposite Thompson. Lewandowski has alternated the two cagers at regular intervals throughout the campaign.

"We're in the best shape since pre-exam games," says Lewandowski, "and should be prepared to let these Kansans know there's been a ball game."

Loss of Charley Black, high-scoring Jayhawk forward star, ignites Husker hopes. Black's absence will force the Kansas scoring burden on Otto Schnellbacher, who scored 23 points against Olathe last week, and John Buescher, possessor of a 9.8 average from his pivot berth.

Jayhawk Squad.

7	Jack Ballard	F-G	205	6'	6"
10	Charlie Black	F	195	6'	4"
12	Bill Brill	G	175	6'	2"
3	John Buescher	C	160	6'	2"
24	George Dick	G	180	6'	2"
13	Armand Dixon	F-G	162	6'	1 1/2"
15	Ray Evans	G	192	6'	1 1/2"
19	Bob Fitzpatrick	F	176	6'	11 1/2"
23	Bill Forsyth	F	170	6'	4"
20	Stan Hansen	F-G	170	6'	4"
4	Max Kinell	C	175	6'	4"
8	Harold McSpadden	C	160	5'	9 1/2"
11	O. Schnellbacher	F	183	6'	2"
17	John Short	F	167	6'	4"
9	Paul Turner	F	190	6'	1 1/2"

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Finest ball-handling center in Big Six game circles, Tucker of Oklahoma included, is John Buescher, who will perform for Kansas here Saturday night.

## A Pivot Plus!



With Charlie Black ill, the task of guiding the Jayhawks Saturday night will fall to Ray Evans, versatile KU guard who doubles as an All-American gridiron performer.

## Loss of Jay Ace Certain

... All Big Six

LAWRENCE, Kans., Feb. 11.—A badly crippled Kansas basketball team will head north Friday night with wavering hopes as the Jayhawks continue their Big Six schedule with games against Nebraska Saturday night and a return engagement with Iowa State Monday.

Charlie Black, power-deluxe man of the Jayhawker contingent with his high-scoring ways and his brilliant defensive exhibitions, will be among the missing when the Kansans take the road. In the student hospital for a week with pneumonia, Black has been improving steadily but will be out of competition definitely until the Jayhawks return from their traveling engagements.

Won't Play Soon.

The prospects of Black playing in the third road game, that with Oklahoma A. and M. at Stillwater Wednesday, have been nullified completely by Coach F. C. Allen.

"I'm not giving any prognosis," said Allen, "as to when Black will be able to play but he most certainly won't be ready for any of the three road games coming up. Only time and the Army Air Corps can tell that."

The most recent announcement by the army indicates that the Air Corps enlistees will be called to active duty between the 20th and 28th of this month. With home games against Nebraska on the 23rd and the all-important tussle with Oklahoma on the 28th approaching, Allen is crossing his fingers in hopes that Black may still be on the campus for these games.

Cyclones Jinx.

For the past two years the Jayhawks have taken this northern trip with only 50-50 results. In 1941 the Cornhuskers were downed 55 to 53 in a rough contest that found four players expelled with excessive fouling and Howard Engleman scoring 24 points. But the following Monday night the wearied Jayhawkers dropped a 29 to 41 decision to the Cyclones.

Last year Nebraska was defeated 51 to 32 but once again the Iowa Staters proved a stumbling block as they knocked off an undefeated Kansas team, 45 to 41.

With Black absent, the road-tripping Jayhawks will insert sophomore "Sparky" McSpadden into the starting lineup to team with sophomores Otto Schnellbacher and Armand Dixon, junior Ray Evans, and senior John Buescher.

## Hauser Claims War Aids Gridiron

"I have found that the boys who are out for football now are more serious about practice and certainly boast more enthusiasm," declared George Hauser, head Minnesota grid coach, at a recent press conference.

## Horse Sense

By Norris Anderson  
(Sports Editor)



Another chapter in a court argument that has been prospering since the dark ages will be recited off on the Coliseum maples tomorrow night when Phog Allen's admittedly-fierce Jayhawks swap shots with Ad Lewandowski's unpredictable "shorties."

They've been staging these affairs since Dr. Allen opened his KU career in 1905 and the nationally-rated Jayhawks have perennially trekked southwest from Lincoln with another league pelt for their trophy room.

If all the puzzlement persists that followed the "Charley Black III" headlines, the Coliseum rink is going to look more like a puzzle page of a Sunday supplement than a basketball court. Loss of Black, meat and bones of the Jayhawk quintet, dissolves Phog Allen's "Iron Men" and relieves Nebraska the task of guarding one of the nation's top point-collectors.

Phog indicated today that Black would be replaced by Jack Ballard, 6-6 eager. Ballard will team with Otto Schnellbacher (6-1) along the front line unless Allen decides to move John Buescher, a sparkling ball-handler and team leader, to front line duty. Then Ballard would assume Buescher's pivot duties.

Defensive wizard Ray Evans and crowd-pleasing Armand Dixon, a one-handed shooting stylist from California, form the Kansas backcourt combination. Both top the 6-foot level by two inches. A review down the starting invader roster reveals a 6-2 (and plus) height average.

Compared with Nebraska's 5-10 squad average, these Jayhawk starters are rank giants. "Smallest team I ever coached, but they've got the will to win," represents Lewandowski's sentiments.

We've assembled three methods via which the Huskers might surprise the cocky invaders.

1. Start by rushing the Jayhawkers off their collective feet and continue the pace 'til whistle time.
2. Wage a fierce defensive battle—scuttling Buescher, Schnellbacher, and Evans—not neglecting to score enough incidental points for victory.
3. Ignite both Johnny Thompson and Bob Heinzelman at once and discontinue the "Thompson, hot—Heinzelman, cold" chant which alternates with every rung of the schedule.

They've been saying around here for years that victory over Kansas will stamp any Husker cage season as a success. Here's ample chance for a successful campaign.



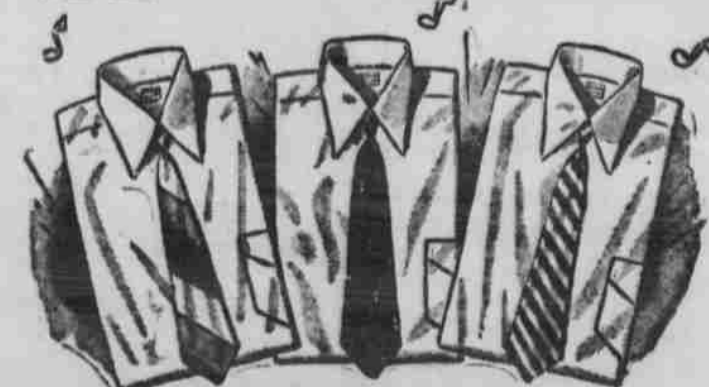
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