

From The Sidelines

Conference Cage Race May Surprise Experts

Glenn Nelson

Kansas State, picked by all the experts to win the Big Seven basketball race in a breeze this season, may have a much tougher go than expected.

The Wildcats needed an overtime to win their opening "warm-up" game with Drake University Saturday night. The Des Moines club held the K-Staters to a 71-all tie at the end of regulation play. Drake had led at halftime, 41-40.

Kansas State, long famed for the way it divides its scoring among squad members, lost only one of its starters from last season. Jim Iverson, all-Big Seven guard who ranked second high in individual scoring last year, is the only Wildcat starting loss.

Returning for the pre-season favorites are all-American Dick Knostman, who had 390 points; Jesse Priscock, 214; Jack Carby, 197; and Bob Rousey, 169.

Coach Jack Gardner lost some valuable subs, however. Gone are Gene Wilson, who scored heavily against the Huskers here last year, John (Hoot) Gibson, Don Upson and Dick Peck—any one a potential game-breaker.

Drake's Bulldogs, on the other hand, had a much less impressive record last season than did the Wildcats, who ranked high in the nation throughout the season.

The Bulldogs, who averaged better than 60 points per game, lost 13 of 25 games last year. They have nine lettermen returning to the fold, however, and four of their top five scorers.

The 'Cat starting five, which averages just under 6-6, is composed of Knostman, 6-6; Carby, 6-7; Gary Bergen, 6-8; Priscock, 6-5; and Jim Smith, 6-3.

While the stubborn team from Drake was handing Kansas State its big scare, other Big Seven clubs were racking up impressive victories over their opponents in opening games.

Colorado, picked to give the Wildcats the best run for their money, had an easy time rolling past Utah State, 81-64, at Boulder. Oklahoma drew valuable blood by moving into the win column with a win over the Hawkeyes of Iowa University, 63-62. A last-minute free throw edged the Big Ten team at Norman in the Sooner opener.

Iowa State started off its 1952 campaign with a 70-47 romp over South Dakota State at Ames.

Kansas and Missouri, who begin their slates this week, can surely be figured upon to put dangerous teams on the floor. Although KU Coach Phog Allen is crying over his great losses from last year's NCAA championship team, the wise old prof almost always turns out something of a powerful outfit.

Although Sparky Stalcup lost his all-American Tiger Bill Stauffer, he's putting a lot of trust in a 6-8 sophomore, Bob Reiter. His squad will be made up mostly of sophomores this season, but all saw action last year and could turn in veteran performances.

With 10 games scheduled this week for Big Seven teams, the conference title race should be easier to visualize in a few days.

UCLA Coach Awaits West Coast Victory

By HOWARD VANN Sports Staff Writer

One of the top controversies around the country today is whether Mid-West football is still better than the caliber of ball played on the West Coast.

In an interview with Red Sanders, UCLA head football mentor, the coach said that USC had a fine chance of breaking in the Mid-West's six year jinx in the Rose Bowl.

USC is pitted against the Big Ten's co-champion, Wisconsin. The Badgers were beaten earlier in the season by UCLA, 20-7.

The Uclans coach went on to say that this year on the coast proved that the westerners were not going to take a back seat in the gridiron world. He would not predict any sure win for the Trojans after they absorbed a 9-0 defeat at the hands of powerful Notre Dame, but he did indicate that he expected a USC win.

In another interview with Johnny Moore, UCLA's sophomore basketball sensation, John said that it is always hard to go into a season as a favorite. The Uclans are favorites to snag the West Coast title in the cage sport.

More news from Indiana, and it is interesting to note that John played ball with Tom Harold, sophomore letterman from Colorado. Harold was picked as "Mr. Basketball" his senior year in high school for the whole state of Indiana.

Kansas Stock Drops; Phog Allen Worried Over Big Seven Hopes

Facing a personal situation of more speed than height, Phog Allen plans to dust off his old "AP" offense for part-time use in this winter's Kansas basketball campaign.

"AP" . . . the correct Allentistic term is Anterior-Posterior offense . . . is a type of three-out, two-in alignment, which the Doctor conjured in the early part of the 1937 season following a defeat by Baker. The Jayhawks promptly righted out of a wobbly start to the Nebraska for the Big Six title at 8-2.

"AP" is pegged on the middleman in its backbone, who "quarterbacks" all floor plays with an initial pass or cut.

"We necessarily must make changes because of our lack of height," Allen explains. "AP" will give us more opportunity to use what speed we still have after losing Squires (LaVannes), Hoag (Charlie), and Reich (Gil). AP is a versatile offense that keeps the keyhole open. We will continue to use the post too."

B. H. Born, a 6-9 lefthander, who broke in as Clyde Lovellette's replacement last season as a sophomore, will handle the post. If he is lost through fouls, however, he will take with him the only genuine big man on the Jayhawk squad. "AP" automatically will become effective when and if this occurs.

Dean Kelley, senior guard and captain, will run the latter offense from quarterback Born will shift to forward when "AP" is on with the remainder of the lineup unchanged. With the Tulane opener in New Orleans upcoming next Thursday, Born and Kelley are the only upper-classmen scheduled to start. Sophomores Larry Davenport, Newton forward; Jerry Alberts, Lincoln, Ill. forward, and Bill Heitholt, Quincy, Ill. guard, have held the remaining varsity jobs through early practice rounds.

Kelley will be the most important figure in the Jayhawk portrait whether he plays "quarterback" or guard. He is the highest scorer among the returnees having averaged 6.5 in KU's 31-game campaign last year on 243 points. Furthermore he is a fiery leader, whose tireless overall play earned him a berth on the NCAA all-tournament varsity last March in Seattle.

He even rebounds well despite a 5-11 handicap and certainly will be an all-conference candidate from the outset of the season.

Jayhawk stock has dropped several points with the triple-deletion of Hoag, Squires and Reich. The flying halfback was one of only two returning Jayhawks from the passel of seven which helped the United States to the world Olym-

pic title last summer in Helsinki. Kelley, of course, is the second. Hoag not only is a good floor-man, rebounder, and defender but had developed considerably well as a shooter. More important he plays with such hustle and desire he often lifted the entire club.

This week's knee operation, following a football injury, probably will keep him sidelined the entire season. Squires was another flyer who showed encouraging all-around ability as a sophomore although he did not letter. He is out indefinitely.

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Hurling Heidelk



LONE HIGH JUMPER . . . Phil Heidelk, junior monogram winner from Fairbury, will be counted heavily upon this winter for points in his pet event, high jump. Heidelk is lone jumper returning in this event, but will be joined by Irv Thode, who was a top jumper in his high school days.

NU Track Manpower Shortage Great; 'Worst Outlook Ever,' Says Coach Weir

"We've never been any lower in scoring possibilities and manpower," Nebraska Track Coach Ed Weir said Saturday as he weighed the coming indoor cinder season.

First regular indoor competition will be against Kansas State Jan. 31, on the East Stadium track. Before that there will be a squad tryout and an intramural meet, the latter for all non-lettermen.

The tryout is scheduled for the indoor path beneath the East Stadium Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13.

Intramural preliminaries will be held Dec. 16 with the finals Jan. 15.

"We're woefully thin," Weir declared. "Particularly in the track events."

Likely to be the Huskers' strongest events this winter are the broad jump and shot put.

Back in the broad jump are Glenn Beerline and Irving Thode, both seniors who placed in the Big Seven Conference championships last spring. The No. 3 spot in that event, however, is wide open.

"We have three fine prospects in the shot," Weir said. "They are Paul Grimm, a senior, and juniors Cliff Dale and Larry Smith."

Other events look like this. Distance races (mile and two-mile) — Two chief contenders, both sophomores, Clayton Scott and Harold Sampson. Scott ran a 4:22 mile last season but after that was plagued by injuries. Others working in these events include Don Wilcox, Forrest Dohling and John Denny.

Half-mile — Dale Schnackel was the chief hope in this event, but he has quit school. Kobe Jones, recently out of the Army, won't be able to resume university action until April 1. He will compete in the Sugar Bowl championships Jan. 1. "We hope to be able to move

stronger than a year ago. Other prospects are Gaylord Smith, Dan Lindquist, Ed Gazinski and Charles Chamley.

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Good thought the Husker defense did very well. South Dakota, during the early stages of the game, used double screens of their offensive attack, but the Huskers quickly switched from their man-to-man defense into a zone which stopped the Sodak

screening cold from then on in. As far as the Cornhusker offense machine was concerned, Good admitted that it sputtered frequently throughout the contest. He brought out that, "our ball-handling will definitely

have to improve as good ball-handling is the basis of a good offense."

One of the bright spots in the opening tussle was the performance of Don Weber, a junior from Esterville, Ia. The Husker coach commented, "Weber played a fine game and if he continues to show improvement he'll be hard to keep off the starting lineup."

One of the game's notable aspects was the experimentation of the 3-3 foul rule which is currently being tested in various games throughout the nation.

Under this setup each player may have a total of six fouls, three each half. Good stated that the purpose of the rule is to enable good players to be in the game during the latter stages when they would ordinarily would foul out long before that.

Looking forward to the clash with Ozark Cowley's Minnesota hoopsters this Saturday, Good anticipates a rugged, and perhaps a long evening. The Golden Gophers are ranked fifth-nationally in the pre-season polls and appear to have the material to back that up.

Big Ed Kalafat, Minnesota's excellent center, is back again to torment the Huskers. He tallied 18 points in last year's meeting between the two schools. Captain Bob Gelle and Charlie Mence, two fine all-around guards, will also return to the scene of action.

Cowley's highly-rated outfit displayed their power Saturday night as they outscored a fine Bradley quintet 79-63. Good had this to say about his coming foe: "The Minnesota team is well-coached and is always one of the hardest rebounding teams in the country."



Courtesy Lincoln Journal Weber

5 Big Seven Cage Squads Win Weekend Contests

For the most part, Big Seven cage squads were hard pressed in posting their first wins of the young 1952-53 basketball season.

Closest to defeat were the heavily favored Kansas State Wildcats, who had to go into an overtime period to subdue a stubborn five from Drake University. Dick Knostman posted 22 points to lead his mates to a 79-73 win over a scrappy Drake team.

Kansas State trailed 41-40 at half-time and the score read 71-71 at the final gun. The Wildcats scored eight points in the overtime while Drake mustered only two.

At Norman, Oklahoma, the underdog Sooners turned a 35-31 half-time lead into a 63-62 win over the Iowa Hawkeyes. Three Oklahomans were credited with

shouldering the bulk of the Sooners attack. Blue meshed thirteen points, Waller slipped in 18 counters and Dwyer had eleven.

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Main Feature Clock Varsity: "Hangman's Knot," 1:35, 3:34, 5:43, 7:47, 9:51. State: "Park Row," 1:21, 4:07, 6:53, 9:39. "Untamed Women," 2:46, 5:32, 8:18.

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Large advertisement for Gold's of Nebraska 50th Year of Service. It features a cartoon Santa Claus and text