

In league prediction...

# Big 8 basketball may take Kansas bounce

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Basketball, quite naturally, depends on the way the ball bounces. And if the ball takes a Kansas bounce this season, don't be surprised.

Jayhawk Coach Ted Owens could understandably hang a "No Vacancy" sign on the door of Allen Field House, but he's the kind of coach who relishes all competitive situations.

AND EVEN though six of KU's top seven players return from last season's National Invitation Tournament finalists, the starting package is not neatly wrapped.

Consider Owens' dilemma: Dave Nash (6-10), Phil Harmon (6-4), Bruce Sloan (6-5), Rich Bradshaw (6-3) and Greg Douglas (6-9) all started last year at least once for the 22-8 Jayhawks, who placed second in the Big Eight.

Most valuable merchandise for Kansas, however, may be Jo Jo White and Dave Robisch.

White, an All-American who helped carry the United States to the Olympic gold medal in basketball this fall

at Mexico City, led Kansas scorers last season with a 15.3 average. White, however, completes his collegiate eligibility after the Jayhawks' first 18 games.

ROBISCH, a 6-9 lefthander, averaged 26.7 points per game as a freshman last season to pep the Jayhawk frosh to an ' record. He is "destined to become the highest scoring forwards in Kansas history," said Jay Simon, Kansas Sports Information Director.

The biggest question mark for Kansas is the effect of White's departure after 18 games. A newcomer who could play an important role, according to Simon, is Tim Natuses, a junior college transfer from Fresno (Calif.) City College. The 6-2 guard averaged 25.6 points at Fresno last winter.

Robisch's running mate on the front line last season was 6-10 Roger Brown, second leading freshman scorer at 14.5. Brown, a pivot, is expected to compete with incumbent Nash for the starting center assignment.

More Kansas depth is furnished by 6-7 forward Howard Arndt and 6-2 guard Rich Thomas, both two-year lettermen.

OKLAHOMA STATE — While Kansas appears to return the most talent, Oklahoma State has the biggest percentage of its offense back.

Kansas lost Roger Bohnenstiel, its No. two scorer last year, through graduation. Bohnenstiel accounted for a sizable share of the offense which the Jayhawks has lost.

The Cowboys, however, return 84 per cent of its offensive production as four starters come back a year wiser to give Olympic Basketball Coach Hank Iba, a defensive strategist, a large volume of firepower.

Joe Smith, who averaged 13 points a game last year, returns. The three other starters back include Gene Hawk (11.2), Charles Savell (7.9) and Bill Christopher (7.4). Savell, Christopher and Smith combine to give the Cowboys solid rebounding strength.

ALTHOUGH most of his scoring punch returns, Iba said the Cowboys still lack a big scorer. Amos Thomas, however, could become this man. Thomas, a 6-7 forward, has been labeled the best sophomore prospect in a decade at Oklahoma State, according to a report from OSU's sports information office.

Thomas averaged 30.9 points a game last season for the Cowboy frosh. "If he can keep that desire," Iba said, "then it is unlimited what he can do." Iba added that Thomas is also a strong rebounder.

Five other OSU lettermen reported for fall drills, stamping the Cowboys as the most experienced team in the conference. Oklahoma State tied for seventh in the Big

Eight last year with a 3-11 conference record and a 10-16 overall mark.

However, 15 of the Cowboys' games last year were decided by three or fewer points. Overall, 11 losses were by a total of 20 points, or 1.8 points per loss.

NEBRASKA — When a team loses Stuart Lantz and Tom Baack, its two all-time top scorers, it doesn't take the Wizard of Oz to tell a person that Nebraska faces a rebuilding year.

But Coach Joe Cipriano has received a few surprise packages this fall, namely Tom Bryan and Jim Brooks.

Bryan proved last year he could score by leading the freshmen team with a 20.1 average. He has improved his defense, his inside offensive moves and has developed an effective hook shot, according to Cipriano. What's more Bryan has become a more consistent outside shooter.

Brooks, a 6-8 transfer from Tyler (Tex.) Junior College, has been operating as the starting center in fall drills.

"He should supply the inside scoring and board punch we have been looking for," Cipriano said.

THREE STARTERS, forward Bob Grattopp, center Dale Von Seggern and guard Tom Scantlebury return from last year's squad which tied for third in the league. Lettermen Ken Cauble and Sam Martin have been alternating at one of the guard spots.

Guard Norm Stewart, who has been holding down the other first string guard post in practice, did not play last year, but he has not been a surprise to Cipriano. The 6-3

junior college transfer, a Husker redshirt last year, has impressive speed and is a good scorer, according to Cipriano.

Leroy Chalk, Tim Allmond and Cliff Moller will contend for starting assignments. "We feel our potential is good, Cipriano said, "but our success will depend on how well our young players jell as a team."

KANSAS STATE — Kansas State, the 1967 Big Eight champion, lost 55 per cent of last year's scoring, but the Wildcats are still expected to have a solid contender.

K-State's backcourt duo account for the Wildcats' main strength. All-Big Eight guard Steve Honeycutt and Jeff Webb, who secured a starting role late in the season, are the Wildcat backcourt aces.

Honeycutt deposited 402 points last year for a 14.4 average. Webb, although a late-season starter, still clicked at a 4.8 pace. Gene Williams, who hauled down 283 rebounds in '67, also furnishes offensive strength. He scored 217 points last year for a 7.7 average.

MIKE BARBER (6-11) is the likely candidate to fill the vacancy created by Nick Pino (7-2) Terry Snider (6-3) established an all-time scoring average record for the Wildcat freshmen team with a 28.2 norm.

Eddie Smith, a sophomore who hit at a 19.3 pace as a freshman, is the key man in the battle for the open forward position left by Earl Seyfert.

"I guess you can call it a new era of basketball at Kansas State," said new coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, "but I hope it is the same old era of winning."

COLORADO — The Buffs appear to be a most unlikely contender for the Big Eight title, but statistics can deceive.

Colorado lost 75 per cent of its offensive production with the graduation of Pat Frink (18.9), Chuck Williams (18.0), Mike Rebach (9.0) and Kermit McMurry (6.4).

But in 7-2 Ron Smith, the tallest player to ever play in the Big Eight, the Buffs have the hardware to reconstruct a winner.

Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano predicts Smith will make the big difference for CU and said the former high school All-American will create defensive problems for the opposition.

Cliff Meely (6-7), a front-line performer, adds more height. The guard position, led by left-hander Gordy Tope, should also be strong. Mike Coleman, who averaged seven points a game last year, is the Buffs' highest returning scorer.

IOWA STATE — The Cyclones, with four returning starters back from last year's team which tied Nebraska for third place, may create a whirlwind.

But Iowa State's only starter lost through graduation happens to be Don Smith, the Big Eight's leading scorer last year. Smith is almost impossible to replace, since he finished as the conference's third all-time scorer and second in career rebounding statistics.

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# Nebraskan Applauds

Alpha Gamma Sigma has announced its new pledge class officers. They are: Terry Bussear, president; Duane Saner, secretary; Clarence Mierguard, treasurer; Karl Linke, Social Chairman; Larry Ratkovec, program chairman; Steve Hanks, Junior IFC representative.

Officers of the University Varsity Men's Glee Club are: Ken Jensen, president; Lynn Anderson, vice-president; Bob Fey, Secretary-treasurer; Pat McNair, public relations.

The following students were recently initiated into Phi Upsilon Omicron, Home Economics Honorary: Susan Caskey, Beth Elson, Jeanne Epley Penny Heidtrink, Rosemary King, Marcia Kominsky, Sharon Morehead, Alyce Nieveen, Marian Paulsen, Sharon Sower, Mary Lou Stockton, Diane Thomas, Mary Jo Warren, Carlene Weidner.

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# Democrats regroup

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Campbell believes that lack of communication within the party is its biggest fault.

He pointed to the clash between Democrats at the state convention last summer concerning a platform statement on the war in Vietnam.

"NOTHING CAN be accomplished by people yelling at each other," he said. "We

must learn to work together without animosity."

Eric Carlson, another spokesman for the NDC, hopes that the party will function actively between elections.

"One of our biggest problems is that we get together every two years for an election without knowing what is going on within the party," Carlson said.

"We will try to communicate between elections, support for certain candidates when there is no pressure of and when there is more time," he said.

THE NDC will have two primary goals, Campbell said. One is to stir up interest concerning issues. The other is to discover candidates who can "serve the party in the

best way."

"We don't expect this to be a love-fest," Campbell said. "We expect to disagree with party policies; we expect some infighting."

But the coalition will abide by the majority decisions made by the state party, he emphasized.

"Afterall, that's what politics is all about," Campbell concluded.

# Cornhuskers rank second in defense

Nebraska ranks second in all Big Eight team defensive categories, yet fifth place is NU's highest offensive showing. The Huskers are rated behind Missouri in all defensive groups, and Kansas is third in all defensive categories, while offensively, Kansas dominates by leading three positions.

The weekly Big Eight team statistics:

Team	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Kansas	8	170	2815	309.9
Missouri	8	248	3272	384.0
Colorado	8	162	2212	276.5
Nebraska	8	407	1636	204.5
Iowa State	8	406	1620	202.5
Oklahoma	8	414	1384	173.0
Nebraska	8	345	1164	145.5
Oklahoma State	8	321	948	118.5
Kansas State	8	304	734	91.8

Team	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	8	350	1945	243.1
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Kansas State	8	636	2842	353.3
Colorado	8	620	2644	330.5
Oklahoma	8	738	3692	459.0
Iowa State	8	610	3147	444.6
Oklahoma St.	8	771	3710	462.6

Team	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Mo.	81	163	15	309
Nebr.	85	196	7	434
Kans.	87	182	12	470
Kolo.	85	177	7	400
I.S.	82	180	8	456
O.S.	81	180	8	450
Okl.	101	191	13	528
Iowa St.	130	221	14	580

Team	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	8	321	40.1	
Missouri	8	340	30.0	
Oklahoma	8	290	28.6	
Colorado	8	179	22.4	
Kansas	8	144	18.0	
Kansas State	8	161	17.9	
Nebraska	8	135	16.6	
Oklahoma State	8	114	14.3	

Team	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Missouri	8	371	785	96.6
Nebraska	8	354	917	114.6
Kansas	8	409	1394	174.3

# French influence to be discussed

French influences in contemporary art will be the subject of the 8 p.m. Thursday meeting of the French Club, according to Michael Egger, club president.

Guest speaker will be Leland F. Lubbers, S. J., assistant professor of art at Creighton University. Lubbers is a prominent artist who has had a display in leading galleries. His two works on

display in Sheldon are "Kitchen Sonata" and "Welded Metal."

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LINCOLN  
Cooper/Lincoln: 'The Boston Strangler', (R) 7:00 & 9:00.  
Varsity: 'West Side Story', (M) 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00.  
State: 'Helga', (M) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.

Joyo: 'Live A Little, Love A Little', 7:20, 9:20.  
Stuart: 'Barbarella', (R) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10.  
Nebraska: 'Two A Penny', (G) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.

84th & O: 'The Good The Bad & The Ugly', 7:30. 'Inspector Clouseau', 10:10.  
Starview: 'Closely Watched Trains', (R) 7:45. 'Dear John', (R) 9:20.

OMAHA  
Indian Hills: 'Ice Station Zebra' (G) every evening at 8:00. Wed., Sat. & Sun., 2:00.  
Dundee: 'Funny Girl', (G) every evening at 8:00. Wed., Sat., & Sun., 2:00.  
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