

Hawks Buried by Kansas Avalanche

Whether or not Doc Senesky can be stopped is still a moot point, but it has been proven beyond all doubt that his team can be. His team was, and well, on that sad night of December 30, when a tall, terrific Kansas five burnt up the Convention Hall boards and walked off the floor amidst the greatest ovation ever given a visiting team here. And a well-deserved ovation, for in beating St. Joseph's 63 to 38, the Jayhawks did things to Senesky & Co. that no other team in the country can, will, or could do.

The Hawks were outrun, outfought, outthought, and criminally outshot. They battled those mighty Kansans to a standstill in the first half and showed indications that when their shots started to drop they might erase the 8-point deficit and go on to win, but the second stanza brought only an intensification of the killing Jayhawk attack and an almost total collapse of the Crimson defense. "Phog" Allen has a very fast club and plays which make full use of its speed.

The Hawks, admittedly not in the best of condition after a long holiday layoff, managed to keep up with Kansas' very fast "fast break" for the first twenty minutes, but in the second half they just couldn't get back court quickly enough, and Bob Boylan was often left alone to face the three big, tricky men streaking down at him. The fact that Bob didn't stop them is hardly a reflection; they were well nigh unstoppable.

Doc Senesky again shone with 8 field goals, all of them from impossible angles, but it was Kansas' Ray Evans who stole the show. Besides guarding Senesky and keeping him from getting anywhere close to the hoop, Evans played a whale of a floor game and hit the cords six times, three of his goals coming within a 50 second period.

About the Kansas Disaster, the Crimson and Gray lost to the hottest team ever to visit Philadelphia. St. Joseph's was not "off," nor did they fall apart at the seams, but they came up against a team with a surprise attack and a phenomenal shooting average. "Phog" Allen's charges sank 36 per cent of their shots from the floor in the whole game, and in the second half dropped 40 per cent or two out of every five shots.

Coming to Philadelphia with the reputation of superb back-board patrolling, the Jayhawks won the game on this feature. Their fast break stemmed from the amazing ability of their big men to grab the ball under the basket with regularity. As soon as the Hawks shot, the Jayhawk forwards streaked down the floor, safe in the realization that their men had the ball.

We are willing to lay some of that hard-earned P.O. green on the line that the Hawks will not encounter any team with so much stuff again this season, nor will they be walloped so decisively.

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