

NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT

Don't forget the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament, March 8th to 13th. This fitting climax to Kansas City's basketball season will again provide the exciting form of basketball entertainment the fans here demand.

The National Intercollegiate was created here and has developed under the able handling of Emil Liston, Athletic Director of Baker University and the sponsorship of Kansas City's Junior Chamber of Commerce, to the extent of where it is now a fixture eagerly awaited by all basketball fans of this section.

Each year fans tell one another that this year's tournament cannot be as exciting as the previous one, with sensational finishes, one point heart-breakers, and over-time contests, but each year they prove themselves wrong and leave the Auditorium shaking their heads and muttering to each other that they have just seen the impossible.

Well, perhaps they have; at least the games seem to get closer each year and the fans really go wild trying to pull their favorites through.

We sincerely recommend reserving your seats now for this grand tournament by calling the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Victor 6688.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Don Lockard, former Phillips "66" player, is now leading the Navy Clippers in average points per game with a 7.84 figure. The wily forward has hit 45 field goals and 12 free throws in 13 games and holds a commanding lead over his nearest rival, Flying Bill Menke, who has 6 and a half points per game average.

Lockard, incidentally, is the first player to hit the 100 mark this season for the Olathe five. The Arkansas Jumping Jack has nailed 102 points so far while Homer Wesche, center, has 87 to take runner-up honors. With six games remaining on the schedule and with two more as possibilities it appears that Lockard should hit close to the 150 point mark this season, if he maintains his present standard. Dale Covert, reserve forward, has surged upward on the scoring ledger, having gathered 42 points in the last six games.

Harold Howey, who has not seen action for two weeks due to a foot injury, retains the lead in the free

throw department with a remarkable .750 percentage. Howey has hit 12 of his 16 tries. Covert slipped slightly in percentage but still holds second place with a .692 percentage.

Lockard's 45 hits from the field gives him the lead in the field goal column and Wesche's 25 free throws make him high man there. Wesche has also had the most chances, having been fouled 43 times. Grady Lewis has erred the most, having been convicted of making 31 personal fouls in 15 games while Bill Hahn follows close behind with an aggregate of 26.

VALUE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

Athletics and physical conditioning in general is not mere by-play in the Navy. Competitive sports and organized calisthenics are sponsored and encouraged by Navy men from the top to the bottom of the ladder. Time and time again in action the value of athletic training and regular exercise has manifested itself where it counts most—when lives are at stake or an action is in the balance. Recently at an air training center, a survey of the first four classes was made and it was found that over half of the leading cadets were putting into battle-practice the teamwork that they had learned on the gridirons, courts and gymnasium floors of America's high schools and colleges.

From time to time letters come back to the Bureau of Naval Personnel that vividly point out the need of constant physical training. The following, written by the Chief Specialist in charge of the physical fitness program aboard the "Wasp," is an excerpt from one of them:

"The greatest need of the men in our Navy was burned into my memory the day our ship was torpedoed. I saw men die because they could not swim well enough to carry themselves out of danger. I saw men almost exhausted and helpless, who told me later to enroll them in my next class of exercise. Why? Because they realized that they needed that conditioning to increase their strength, endurance and stamina. Many men came to me aboard the transport on our way back to the States, and expressed their thanks and how grateful they were that they had taken the exercise—they

knew THEN how much it had helped them."

At Air Stations, like Olathe, a great deal of stress is laid on the physical training of the personnel—with particular emphasis on keeping the aviation cadets in A-1 condition. Utilizing a large physical training building, a corps of eighteen officers and chief specialists conduct a training program that taxes the capacity of the structure from morning to night. Competitive sports such as basketball, boxing, wrestling and touch football are participated in along with such conditioning and instructive activities as military track, hand to hand combat tactics, calisthenics and gymnastics. Such a program carried on at all the primary training stations all over the country under the competent direction of successful former coaches is helping greatly to reduce loss of life in action and is adding to the efficiency of U. S. Naval Aviation.

SCHOOLEYS TO MEET CLIPPERS

Arrangements are now under way for the two leading teams of this section to meet in a single game, or perhaps a home-and-home schedule.

Yes, the Schooleys have issued a challenge to the Navy Clippers which has been accepted, making it possible for these two strong squads to test each others strength. Many feel that the Schooleys have enough power to give the Clippers a whale of a ball game and have urged a meeting between the two teams.

Announcement of the date and place of the game will be made later.

NEW PLAYERS STAR

"Cotton" Andrews and Chuck Ransom, two of the newest additions to the Schooleys basketball team are doing a great job in making the Schooleys a more formidable aggregation during the last stages of the basketball season than they were in the beginning.

Andrews is beginning to find the range of his shots and is an excellent passer and rebound man. Ransom is one of the greatest defensive stars ever developed in Kansas City and seems to improve with age. Chuck is pouring in the points on offense in better fashion than ever before, and taking care of his defensive duties in his usual grand style.