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That was quite a smoke screen Phog Allen sent up yesterday in pre-arranging for the dates and site for a Big Six basketball playoff. Just as if he doesn't intend to bump off Oklahoma at Norman Friday for a clean-cut title! The man is cagey.

Bruce Drake, young coach of the Sooners, may have figured this out. After grabbing enough of the bait to challenge Allen's right to select Wichita—what about the Big Six rule against off-campus competition?—Drake receded and announced: "We're thinking only of Friday's contest." Perhaps Drake has seen Allen's hypnotics work on the Big Six before. At the K. U. coach's suggestion, tinkering has been done with circles on the floor, twelve-foot baskets, bigger hoops, hoops with lights on them, smaller balls, dotted lines and dozens of other innovations. All the while, Allen has sawed wood and won under the rules in vogue. Perhaps Drake and some of the other coaches are beginning to fathom Allen's wizardry.

Allen's refusal to set back the date for the Fifth District N. C. A. A. playoff between the Big Six champion and the Oklahoma Aggies will bring about another innovation—flying to games. The Missouri Valley champions will play on the final program of

Drake Questions Allen's

the Metropolitan Invitation tournament in Madison Square Garden, New York, the night of March 15, then grab a plane for Oklahoma City to meet the Big Six champs the next night. There's never an idle moment with this man Allen around.

You can hear that WIBW has sold Ernie Quigley's "You Can't Do That" program to the Columbia Chain, for delivery next autumn. . . . High school basketball teams coming to Topeka next week may again find housing problems. A druggist convention also is billed the first three days of the week. And the D. A. R. will start coming in on Saturday. . . . Jack Johnson, the Fort Hays State captain, will join the E. G. Stevens club of Wichita for the Kansas A. A. U. tournament. . . . Chicago papers used double-column art on Wes Fry's mug when the ex-Kansas State coach was signed by Northwestern.

The six-inch board floor in Hoch Auditorium, where the K. U. team plays basketball, is set on solid concrete. And the Jayhawks can't practice there more than twice a week without several cases of shin splints resulting. Bring on that field house. . . . Bill Monypeny, Southwestern's coach, recently won the Central Conference basketball title while in bed. He had retired last Saturday night when friends called to inform him that St. Benedict's had beaten Fort Hays State, that Wichita had bumped Pittsburg. His team shared

the title with Hays and Pitt as a result.

Steve O'Rourke, Detroit scout, has received his unconditional release from the Springfield Cardinals of the Western Association, according to the Sporting News, after being on the voluntary retired list for twenty years. Following his management of the Cardinals in 1920, O'Rourke was placed on the list and his name had never been removed. Because of his alliance with the Tigers, Steve thought it best to remove any technical connection with the Cardinals which Commissioner Landis might question and asked for his reinstatement so that he could be officially released.

Joplin's Yankee output in the W. A. this year will work with Binghamton, N. Y., instead of the Kansas City Blues. . . . Ferrell Anderson, rumpus-stirring catcher, goes to Norfolk in the Class B Piedmont League; Outfielder Arnold Traxler and Pitcher Ken Jacobsen to Wenatchee of the Western International. . . . Earl Hamilton, the St. Joe owner, and Gene Sullivan, sports editor of the St. Joseph Gazette, visited yesterday with Pete Mitchell, owner of the Owls. . . . Mitchell also got a wire from Hack Wilson saying he planned to don a suit in the San Francisco Seal camp today.

Members of the Hi-12 Club yesterday not only heard E. C. Quigley ramble twenty-five minutes thru his interesting athletic career but they got tokens to boot. E. C. Nash, who introduced Quig, was presented a leather-bound copy of the Guide. The oldest man

present got a miniature National League baseball and the youngest received an autographed ball used in the third game of last year's world series. . . . Billy Dewell, the former S. M. U. athlete, is visiting in Newton and Dodge City prior to reporting for pitching service at Muskogee again.

Note to Kenny (Pitt Sun Simons: I say Ernie (One Grand Schmidt was six-feet-three when he played in your town. My opponent in a small wager says he was only six-two. Who wins? . . . Incidentally, Schmidt's scoring record in the Central Conference was not broken by Francis Lynch of St. Benedicts, as some have inferred. Schmidt's 1932 average was 15 points per game. Lynch averaged 13.6 which was better than Lloyd Tucker's 13.4 of a year ago. . . . The Ottawa Herald front-paged an editorial on Dick Godlove following his seventh straight Kansas Conference championship Monday. The essence was this "Godlove's teams are smarter than their rivals."

Basketball Popularity Is Growing

New York, March 6.—(A. P.)—Basketball is fifty years old, but it keeps attracting more and more attention.

In answer to an Associated