

Authority on Playoff Arrangements

Press query on what is what in the cage game and why, the nation's coaches and observers all agreed on one thing—the growth in popularity of the game is the most encouraging and universal sign noted.

N. Y. U. Plays Before 18,318

As a prime example, the collegiate doubleheaders in Madison Square Garden this year played to 212,672—and basketball's biggest crowd, the 18,318 for the New York University-St. John's and Long Island doubleheader was surpassed only once all winter and that by a fight mob of nearly 20,000 that turned out to see Lou Ambers give Al "Bummy" Davis a boxing lesson.

In the New England area there has been increased interest both in number of spectators and schools playing the game.

Holy Cross has put a quintet on the floor now, and Boston College will follow suit as soon as it has a gym. Other New England schools to take up basketball recently are Maine, Bates, Colby and Assumption College—and the Maine colleges have been playing to packed houses all this year!

Grows in Southwest

Possibly the next most important growth of the game has come in the Southwest. The tip-off that basketball has finally reached an unquestioned status there are those crowds of 7,000 that filled the beautiful new Texas University fieldhouse all season.

University of Michigan intramural department is experimenting with convex basketball backboards.

Sooners Want Vote If Race Is Tied; Games to Wichita?

Allen's N.C.A.A. Dates Force Aggies to Fly; K. U. to Norman Friday

Norman, Okla., March 6.—(A. P.)—Bruce Drake, University of Oklahoma basketball coach, expressed surprise tonight when informed that Dr. F. C. Allen, Kansas coach, had announced a Big Six Conference playoff—in event of a tie—would be held at Wichita, Kan.

"It's news to me," said Drake. "I don't know a thing about it. What's more, I don't care—much. All we're thinking about down here is Friday night's game with Kansas."

Jays May Cinch Title

Oklahoma and Kansas wind up the season here Friday night. Kansas must defeat the Sooners to earn a clear-cut claim to the title. If Oklahoma wins, the title will be shared jointly by Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

The playoff then would be necessary on March 11 and 12 to determine the Big Six representative in the N. C. A. A. Fifth District against the Oklahoma Aggies, Missouri Valley champions.

"However," Drake said, "it looks to me as if we should have a voice in selecting the site of a playoff

than 2:50 o'clock the afternoon of the sixteenth. That won't slow our boys down any more than a train ride from Nebraska or Kansas would, and they'll still have five or six hours to rest."

The Aggies qualified for the N. C. A. A. district playoff by winning the Missouri Valley title. Kansas now leads the Big Six race.

NO CHANGE IN DATES

Kansas City, March 6.—(A. P.)—Dr. F. C. Allen, Kansas University basketball coach and manager of the Western N. C. A. A. final tournament, said today the Big Six representative and the Missouri Valley champion would meet in Oklahoma City March 16 to determine one of the meet's entrants.

Oklahoma A. & M., Missouri Valley titleholder, will compete in a New York tournament March 11 to 15 and will fly to Oklahoma City during the night for the game next day.

If Oklahoma defeats Kansas Friday night the three Big Six teams, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, which will share the conference title will select their representative in a playoff at Wichita March 11 and 12.

A Jayhawk triumph Friday would give Kansas the title and eliminate need of the Wichita meet.

Three other quintets from west of the Mississippi and the March 16 winner will compete here March 22 and 23 for the right to oppose the Eastern champion on the same floor March 30 for the national title.