

Question on Quality.

The Jayhawks probably are not as good as their 4 to 0 record, which will send them into action as the meet's only undefeated squad. For one thing they have played every game in friendly Hoch auditorium, where they haven't been beaten in thirty-three consecutive starts. For another, the opposition, save for Tulsa, is not as good as at least half of the teams in the tourney field. Kansas was pressed all the way before subduing the Hurricane, 73 to 66. This is the fourth tighest fit in the entire 33-game winning streak.

For the first time in six years, the Mt. Oreadans will not mount a towerhouse terror at the pivot. B. H. Born has followed Clyde Lovalllette into post-graduate play. Between the pair they earned three varsity all-American accolades; five all conference posts, and four league scoring championships.

Also the Jayhawks' defense, although following the same half-court switching press of the last three seasons, is a few cuts below those of recent years in efficiency. Rice ripped the Kansans badly for close-range goals in the first of their 2-game set, before losing, 67 to 77.

This means, then, that K. U. is virtually minus the two major weapons which it has parlayed into one N. C. A. A. title, one N. C. A. A. runner-up spot, two outright conference championships, two co-championships and two tournament titles, over the past five seasons.

May Not Be Enough.

Until Lew Johnson, the hard-battling 6-6½ sophomore pivot, comes along as a genuine threat, and the team defense improves, Kansas must do it with sharp firing from the field, unabated hustle, and capable bench strength. This is not likely to be enough against Missouri, Colorado, California or resurgent Kansas State, which the Hawkers figure to fight for third place in the upcoming conference derby.

Personnel-wise, K. U.'s most dangerous man is Dallas Dobbs, the nifty 5-11 returning all-conference guard from Bartlesville, Ok. As a sophomore last winter, Dobbs scored 270 points, most ever unwound by a Crimson and Blue sentinel in a single season.

He has picked up the same lighted torch through the early going this season. His 18.8 average is second only to Oklahoma's

leaf letterman, and Chris Divich, Doland, S. D., squadman, plus the veteran set-shooter, Larry Davenport, are manning the frontline behind Elstun and King.

Bill Brainard, only 6-3, but elusive and surprisingly tough off the boards, backs Johnson in the pivot. He tied the tournament single game free throw mark of fourteen in the last year finals against Oklahoma. Seniors John Anderson, Bill Heitholt, and Frank Wolfe, plus two sophomores, Ronnie Johnston and Blaine Hollinger, fleet little man from Russel, prop the backline.

He Gets Good Mileage.

Allen has been known to go far with less material than this. Too, the sight of those red shirts—regardless of who's in 'em—harassing on the front line, piling in on the rival pivot, getting baskets in the clutch, and playing with frantic abandon, can do things to an enemy's mental processes.

The defending tournament champions are slated to get by Iowa State in their first round duel in Tuesday's leadoff game, but don't expect them to reach the finals.

COMPOSITE TOURNAMENT STANDINGS.									
	T.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Op.	Ch'p-		
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So. Methodist..	1	3	0	1.000	151	131		1	
Kansas State..	8	18	6	.750	1599	1424		3	
Kansas	8	17	7	.708	1525	1383		2	
Ok. A. & M....	1	2	1	.667	134	129		0	
Michigan	1	2	1	.667	162	159		0	
Minnesota	1	2	1	.667	198	189		0	
Stanford	1	2	1	.667	249	238		0	
Oklahoma	8	14	10	.583	1487	1446		1	
Missouri	8	14	10	.583	1326	1305		1	
Arkansas	1	1	2	.333	150	155		0	
Yale	1	1	2	.333	181	190		0	
Iowa State.....	8	7	17	.291	1398	1555		0	
Nebraska	8	7	17	.291	1408	1549		0	
Colorado	7	6	15	.285	1241	1276		0	
Harvard	1	0	3	.000	156	193		0	
Washington	1	0	3	.000	212	249		0	