

# Night Life More Appealing to Phog

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**K**ANSAS CITY.—For once Phog Allen's analysis of his basketball team's victory was no more pungent than the time of day.

"Well we won't have to play in the afternoon anyhow." He only half-kidded when asked for his quick conclusions following KU's 79-62 thumping of Colorado in the opening bout of the 1953 Big Seven tournament.

"We've had experience with those afternoon games and we don't like it," he continued. "We like to play 'em all at night over here."

What the doctor meant was that only first-round losers play matinee contests, the consolation bracket being unravelled all the way by that method. The Jayhawkers have lost only once in first-round play, bowing, 48-58, to Kansas State in the 1949 affair.

"A couple of our regulars, Born (B. H.) and Patterson (Harold) were not up to par, but some of our sophomores played well. Any game you win is a good game. Right now I'm happy. I'll wait until tomorrow to think of the bad things."

The veteran Mt. Oread wizard singled out three sophomores for shiny mention, guard Dallas Dobbs and forwards Gary Padgett and Harold McElroy. Dobbs whisked two successive 20-foot right-hand sets early in the third period to help demolish the Buffaloes' sagging defense, and over-all collected 13 points, his seasonal high. He used only nine shots

from the field in scoring six goals.

This kind of outside shooting from Dobbs, Al Kelley and Larry Davenport suddenly broke upon a tight halftime fit, (35-27) to balloon the Jayhawks on top as much as 24 points with 1:56 remaining in the third quarter. McElroy notched five points, Padgett seven. Both also flashed signs of grasping KU's complex switching defense.

"Some people already are telling me they're disappointed in our club," Allen fired a parting shot. "What they've got to get accustomed to is the fact we are no longer playing with Dean Kelley and Gil Reich (the departed guards who were the core of the Jayhawks' half-court press last season).

"I've said along we weren't going to be as good without them and it is proven every time we play. Fans have got to get used to the fact we're playing with a new team."

Nevertheless, the victory levelled KU's record at 2-2 for the season and handed the Hawkers their third tournament victory over Colorado with no defeats.

**B**ORN collected only 12 points, his lowest output of the year. He still is nursing a lame ankle, but CU's defense spun a good job on him with Burdette Haldorson, 6-7 center, overplaying the lean southpaw's hand in co-ordination with a sag from the forward and guard on Born's right.

This left the Herd vulnerable from the outside and the Jayhawkers threw ringers from 20 and 25 feet thruout the third period to ice the triumph.