

K. U. DEFENSE IS SHARP

PRESENT JAYHAWK SQUAD TAKES CUE FROM LAST YEAR'S.

Phog Allen Says His Team Was Under Against M. U., but Sparky Stalcup Praises Efficiency.

TODAY'S BIG SEVEN SCHEDULE.

2 p. m.—Colorado vs. Washington (consolation third place).

4 p. m.—Kansas State vs. Iowa State (consolation championship).

8 p. m.—Missouri vs. Nebraska (third place in championship flight).

9:45 p. m.—Kansas vs. Oklahoma (championship).

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Kansas's pressing defense, which was a large factor in the success of the 1952-53 basketball team, was the big element in last night's 69-67 victory over Missouri in the Big Seven basketball tournament.

Phog Allen, Kansas coach, wasn't too happy over the Kansas performance although he gave Missouri's eager Tigers credit.

Tigers "the Best."

"They're the best team we've met this season," said Allen after the hectic struggle.

"The fifth foul called on Pat (Bob Patterson) was a big factor in Missouri's comeback,"

BIG SEVEN NONCONFERENCE

STANDINGS.

(Through games of December 29).

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Kansas State	5	2	.714	528	495
Kansas	3	2	.600	348	327
Missouri	3	3	.500	416	374
Iowa State	3	3	.500	417	379
Oklahoma	3	3	.500	413	436
Nebraska	3	5	.375	558	599
Colorado	0	7	.000	389	483

Phog said. "Pat was the only one outside of B. H. Born who was playing any kind of ball last night. When he went out (6:01 of the third quarter remaining) we were really in trouble."

Phog said the Kansas effort was definitely under par and that the boys never got relaxed. He said there was little difference in the two teams and that Missouri displayed an aggressive brand of ball. He picked Missouri and Nebraska as the dark horses of the Big Seven.

Phog was a little critical of the rest of his boys. "Kelley played like he thought he was in Nova Scotia," Phog remarked, "and the rest of them are going to have to do a lot better."

From Sparky Stalcup, the Missouri coach, came some pretty high compliments for the Kansas team.

"Almost as Good."

"They're as good as the 1952-53 team," Sparky said—"well, almost as good, anyway."

That was high praise since the Jayhawk machine of last year was only a 1-point loser to Indiana in the N. C. A. A. finals here.

"That boy Dallas Dobbs (K. U. sophomore from Bartlesville, Ok.) really has filled Dean Kelley's shoes," Sparky said. Dean Kelley was key factor in Kansas's rise to success last year after losing almost all the Olympic team of the year before.

Stalcup felt that Missouri could have won the game had the Tigers kept closer to the Jayhawks in the first half.

"We got too far down and never could quite make it back," said Spark.

For the Kansas rooters, they came way too close.