

Hurricane Unbeaten in Loop Play

Tulsa Bidding for Valley Crown

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A NEW championship contender appeared on the Missouri Valley basketball horizon this week following Tulsa's surge to the top of the standings with its 67-65 victory at Wichita Saturday night.

The Golden Hurricane, led by its sizzling Bob Patterson, now owns a 2-0 league record and the triumph at Wichita could prove all-important as the season unfolds since road victories are hard to come by in this rugged circuit.

St. Louis (1-0) still is a good bet to succeed the Oklahoma Aggies in the throne room and can draw even with Tulsa if the Bil-

likens win at home against Wichita Saturday night.

This is the only conference game of the week for Valley quintets and it's a "must" affair for the Shockers, who were tabbed by loop coaches as favorites in a pre-season poll.

Wichita was victim of a one-two Iba punch the past week as the Shockers were trimmed by Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater Tuesday night, then nipped by brother Clarence's Hurricane Saturday as Patterson sank a fieldgoal with seven seconds remaining to crack a 65-all tie.

The winning basket gave Patterson 36 points for the game and left him with a 32-point conference average, highest of any individual in the midlands' two major circuits—the Valley and Big Seven.

Missouri and Colorado both added to their stature in the Big Seven the past week by winning on the road against Kansas opposition. The Tigers (3-0) thumped Kansas State, 94-85, at Manhattan Saturday night after Colorado (2-0) turned in a 65-54 victory over Kansas at Lawrence earlier in the week.

LOOMING big in Missouri's favor are triumphs at both Kansas and Kansas State and a home conquest over Nebraska, which currently appears as the circuit's next strongest entry following the co-leaders.

The Huskers polished off both Kansas quintets last week to move into third place with a 3-1 record. The Jayhawks, in losing 66-62 at Nebraska Saturday night, remained locked in the Big Seven cellar with Oklahoma, which was flattened 105-76 at Iowa State despite a 38-point Armory scoring record by the Sooners' Lester Lane.

Oklahoma and Kansas continue weekend road trips Monday night and barring an upset the last place deadlock will continue. The Sooners play at Colorado and Kansas at Iowa State.

Only two other conference games are slated for Big Seven teams this week, both involving Kansas State. The Wildcats go to Missouri Wednesday night and entertain Iowa State Saturday. Nebraska is host to Maryville, Mo., Teachers Friday in the week's only non-league contest.

THERE is even less activity in the Valley this week as semester examinations curtail schedules. In addition to the crucial Wichita-St. Louis scrap on Saturday, the Valley card is limited to a pair of Thursday games against outside foes.

On that night Tulsa awaits Oklahoma City U for the rubber match of the series between the Oklahoma rivals and Wichita takes on touring Seattle which moves on to Oklahoma City Saturday night.

Three new school scoring marks were broken during the week as scores continue to soar on the strength of the new bonus free throw rule. Iowa State hung up a record of 105 points at the expense of the Sooners, Houston hit a new high in downing Texas A&M, 107-66, Saturday night and St. Louis reached an all-time crest in flogging Drake, 102-82.

The Billikens, rolling in high now after absorbing their lumps through a rugged early-season slate, came back Saturday night to batter Bradley, 98-75.

Valley quintets swept six games against outsiders the past week to run their record to a gaudy 44-16 in non-conference play this season. Detroit, 2-2 in

the Valley, is unbeaten in 10 games outside the fold.

While Patterson is staking an early claim to the Valley scoring title, Chuck Duncan of Iowa State moved to the top of the Big Seven tables with a 29-point average for three games. Duncan tabbed 36 points against Oklahoma Saturday night despite sitting out eight minutes of the second half.

Actually, Duncan cracked the Armory scoring record before he was withdrawn, then watched from the bench as Lane eclipsed his brand new mark with a 38-point effort.

The little Sooner speedster, No. 2 in the Big Seven scoring derby with a 26-point clip, pushed his career total to 1,011 points to become the first University of Oklahoma cager in history to reach the 1,000 level.

Big Seven

CONFERENCE SEASON									
Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	W	L		
Missouri	3	0	1.000	239	207	10	2		
Colorado	2	0	1.000	126	109	7	4		
Nebraska	3	1	.750	268	253	5	7		
Kan. State	2	2	.500	310	322	7	5		
Iowa State	1	2	.333	245	228	7	4		
Oklahoma	0	3	.000	213	256	1	9		
Kansas	0	3	.000	181	207	5	5		

GAMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY—Oklahoma at Colorado; Kansas at Iowa State.

WEDNESDAY—Kansas State at Missouri.

FRIDAY—Maryville, Mo., at Nebraska. SATURDAY—Iowa State at Kansas State.

Scoring Leaders

Player, School	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Duncan, Iowa State	3	30	27	87	29.0
Lane, Oklahoma	3	21	36	78	26.0
Halderson, Colorado	2	17	14	48	24.0
Reiter, Missouri	3	19	24	62	20.7
Park, Missouri	3	18	14	50	16.7
Stewart, Missouri	3	20	6	46	15.3
Wetter, Iowa State	3	15	14	44	14.7
Dobbs, Kansas	2	13	3	29	14.5
Poore, Kansas State	4	22	12	56	14.0
Ekwall, Nebraska	4	19	17	55	13.8
Crat, Kansas State	4	18	16	52	13.0
Elston, Kansas	3	14	10	38	12.7
Johnson, Kansas	3	14	10	38	12.7
Thompson, Iowa State	3	12	14	38	12.7
Adams, Kansas State	4	18	14	50	12.5
Muller, Oklahoma	3	7	22	36	12.0
Vicens, Kansas State	3	10	14	34	11.3
Smith, Nebraska	4	16	12	44	11.0
Fagler, Nebraska	4	14	16	44	11.0
Jung, Kansas State	4	17	8	42	10.5
Matzke, Nebraska	4	19	2	40	10.0
Jeangerard, Colorado	2	9	2	20	10.0
Harrold, Colorado	2	5	10	20	10.0
Buel, Nebraska	4	9	21	39	9.8
Reichart, Missouri	3	11	6	28	9.3
Parker, Kansas	3	11	6	28	9.3
Hart, Oklahoma	3	9	9	27	9.0
Vogt, Iowa State	3	9	6	24	8.0

Missouri Valley

CONFERENCE SEASON									
Team	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	W	L		
Tulsa	2	0	1.000	132	127	10	4		
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	85	84	8	5		
Detroit	2	2	.500	276	281	12	2		
Okla. A&M	1	1	.500	128	115	6	7		
Wichita	1	2	.333	196	202	9	3		
Houston	1	3	.250	308	315	9	5		

GAMES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY—Oklahoma City at Tulsa; Seattle at Wichita.

SATURDAY—Wichita at St. Louis.

Scoring Leaders

Player and School	G	FG	FT	TP	AV.
Patterson, Tulsa	2	25	14	64	32.0
Boldebuck, Houston	4	39	32	110	27.5
Boushka, St. Louis	1	11	3	25	25.0
Hodgson, Wichita	3	20	17	57	19.0
Sparrow, Detroit	4	28	19	75	18.8
McLaughlin, St. Louis	1	7	5	17	17.0
Smith, St. Louis	1	6	4	16	16.0
Carter, Okla. A&M	2	5	21	31	15.5
Foster, Houston	4	19	16	54	13.5
Goldstein, Detroit	4	15	24	54	13.5
Courter, Tulsa	2	10	7	27	13.5
Littleton, Wichita	3	15	10	40	13.3
Wright, Okla. A&M	2	8	10	26	13.0
Laketa, Wichita	3	8	16	32	10.7
Maloney, Okla. A&M	2	5	11	21	10.5
Hatton, Houston	4	12	17	41	10.3
Koch, St. Louis	1	4	2	10	10.0
Dubinick, St. Louis	1	2	6	10	10.0
Decker, Detroit	4	11	15	37	9.3
Ebben, Detroit	4	11	13	35	8.8
Bell, Houston	4	14	6	34	8.5
Anderson, Wichita	3	8	9	25	8.3
Fefles, Detroit	4	6	20	32	8.0
Babb, Okla. A&M	2	6	4	16	8.0