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Sooners, Aggies Weighed For National Tournament

New York Meet Will Bring Together Four Finest Teams in Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A national intercollegiate invitation basketball tournament, bringing together four of the country's outstanding teams in a two-day competition at Madison Square Garden, was announced Tuesday.

The tournament will be conducted by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers' association.

The two eastern representatives will be selected March 9 when four picked fives meet in the Garden for the right to clash with two teams to be selected from other sections of the country. The finals will be played March 14 and 16.

Everett Morris of the Herald-Tribune and president of the writers' association, said "one or two teams will be selected from New York City and the others from such outstanding fives as Syracuse, Villanova, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, Bradley Tech of Illinois and the Big Ten champion, if conference rules permit."

The writers plan to comb the remainder of the country carefully before selecting the other two teams. Such prominent outfits as Wyoming, Kansas, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma A. and M., Southwestern, (Kansas) and Washington and Lee.

"Then there are the champions in the Pacific Coast, Southwestern and Southern conferences to be considered," said Morris.

M'DERMOTT WOULD BE GLAD TO GO

NORMAN, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Hugh V. McDermott, coach of the University of Oklahoma basketball team, said

Tuesday night he would be "very glad" to take his team to New York for an invitation tournament, "if we are invited and if the Big Six conference will grant us permission."

The Sooners, only undefeated team in the Big Six conference, and the Oklahoma Aggies of Stillwater, leaders of the Missouri Valley conference, were mentioned as being considered among other outstanding western teams for a four-way tournament with eastern quintets in Madison Square Garden next month.

Coach Henry P. Iba of the Aggies was en route to Omaha, Neb., with his team for a game Wednesday night with Creighton.

"I hadn't heard of the proposed tournament," McDermott said, "but if we should be invited I would make every effort to obtain the permission of the conference to participate."

Big Six rules prohibit participation of its member schools in athletic contests on neutral territory without special permission. The conference denied Oklahoma permission to play in an Oklahoma City tournament during the Christmas holidays and turned down a request by the Nebraska cagers to participate in an invitation affair at New Orleans, La., at the same time.