

BIG SIX BASKETBALL

This is Bruce Drake, speaking from station W. N. A. D. Norman, Oklahoma with the results and comments on the current Big Six basketball season.

Yes, it was Kansas University, coached by the one and only Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, that dominated basketball again in the Big Six this season. By sweeping all opponents without a set-back, Kansas became the third team in the history of the loop to make a clean sweep of all ten games. Oklahoma accomplished this feat in 1929, and Kansas again in 1936.

At the finish line, Kansas was well out in front of the rest of the field with ten wins and no losses.

Oklahoma was second 7 and 3.

Missouri and Nebraska tied for third with 5 and 5.

Iowa State finished fourth with two won and eight lost, while Kansas State, who lost their young coach Jack Gardner to the armed forces, finished last with a single win and nine losses.

Build around such veterans as Charlie Black, Ray Evans, and John Buescher, coach Allen added two sophomores, Ole Schnellbacker and Armand Dixon and built an "Iron Man" five that, not only swept all games in the Big Six, but also on their Eastern trip to Madison Square Garden as well. They bowed only twice this season to a college team, with Creighton University supplying the knock out punch after Kansas was staggered with the loss of four of their starting five to the armed forces. Creighton incidently were champions of the Missouri Valley and also finished their league undefeated.

At the very start of the league games, records started tumbling and continued to fall throughout the season. In the opening Big Six game, Kansas swamped Missouri 69 to 44 to boost by one point the high mark for one game. The previous record of 68 points was held by Oklahoma. In this gam same game, Charlie Black