

Allen Especially Fitted *Kansas* To Further Naismith Move *10/26/41*

"Why, you bloody beggar, you can't coach basketball."

This old Canadian expression was the answer first given a youth by the name of Forrest C. Allen by Dr. James A. Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, when Allen approached him concerning the possibility of his coaching the Baker university basketball team back in 1908. Doctor Naismith didn't believe that the game needed such impedimenta as coaches.

But he was wrong, as he admitted some three decades later after he had seen the game become the most popular and widespread indoor sports and with this same youth, since associated closely with the game's founder, proving one of the leaders in developing the game to where it today.

That youth, now beginning his fourth decade as a coach, later became associated with Doctor Naismith, where Allen gained nationwide fame as basketball coach and Naismith spent the last twenty years of his life as a physical education professor. And it is Allen who now is in the forefront of those seeking to bring about the erection of a suitable memorial to Doctor Naismith in this, the fiftieth anniversary year of the founding of basketball.

Appropriately enough, Doctor Allen will be in Kansas City Kansas



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the night of November 4 to open the better basketball clinic sponsored by the Kansas City Kansas YMCA as its part of the fiftieth anniversary celebration. Thru his part in this clinic, Allen will further assist in developing more and better basketball players among the youth of the country.

At the free clinic here, Allen will explain the same fundamentals of play and training which he has used in producing twenty-three championship teams in the thirty years he has been a coach, and players he has coached at K. U. demonstrate these fundamentals.

Officials of the YMCA stressed the point that the clinic will be free to all, but that those wishing to attend must obtain tickets. High school squads of this section are especially invited, and coaches have been invited to make reservations for their players.

One of these, Coach Ashley Elbl of Wyandotte, has obtained reservations for fifty of his players. Elbl also will take part in the series of clinics at the YMCA, being scheduled to conduct the second night's session on November 11.

Other local squads also will attend, altho they have not made specific reservations as yet.