

than anything else was that Kansas would match that experience and extra weight with an unquenchable fire that would cause frailer boys heretofore to quake and fade out. The fact that the Kansas boys played in Wichita, and not on home grounds, so to speak because the Wichita group heretofore had been very hostile toward Kansas, was an added factor. A few years ago Kansas and Wichita U. played a game of football, and perhaps the most rancid feeling of any town toward the state university was shown at that time. However, the basketball game with Kansas winning the Big Six play-off seemed to catch the fancy of this town, and today I am told that those basketball games did more for the University than anything that has happened there in quite some time. The verdict was that the Kansas boys could take it.

Now, for the Oklahoma A. & M. game. The tables were reversed. We were playing in Oklahoma City, which was strictly a partisan crowd, and many Oklahomans, like Tom Stidham in your group were for us, but the average Oklahoman was dead against us and the Aggies were double tough from a partisan standpoint. There was a tendency to let down after the final drive at Wichita. The fact that I was chairman of the committee caused partisan newspapers to proclaim that I was trying to fix the Aggies in a bad spot by making them play on the 16th. The only reason the Aggies went to New York was to make \$2,000, but they projected the other side - that big- bad wolf Allen wanted to gobble up the Oklahoma A. & M. lambs. So we didn't have any the better of it in the way of publicity or politics. And of course the fact that I had to handle the Wichita play-off as well as the Oklahoma A. & M. play-off was an added burden which took me away from my boys most of the time.

The matter of selection of officials for the Wichita game was left to Bruce Drake and George Edwards. For the A. & M. game I called Henry Iba at the Picadilly Hotel in New York and asked him what officials he desired, which caused added time. And then the Kansas City play-off was coming and we had to order tickets and make arrangements for handling that ahead of this other game.

Kansas was tied at the half at Oklahoma City and tied at the end of the game, and the kids came through just as they came through against Southern California. But our law of averages, which had worked so beautifully, swung to its norm when we met Indiana. Indiana won the game in the last six minutes of the first half. They scored 12 points and although we went out and played the second half more than even, we could not pick up that shooting drive that they put on in those six minutes of the first half.

While this Kansas team may not have been the greatest Kansas team that ever played for the University, we won more basketball fame for the University than any other, by far. People who never paid any attention to Kansas basketball adopted Kansas as their team on account of the courageous fight of these little fellows who refused to be whipped by bigger opponents. Thanks to the radio, old people past 70 would hang on to that radio when Kansas would play a game, just as these old people who had been Kansas co-eds in early days.