

# PURPLES TO USE ALLEN'S SYSTEM

**Keith Hopeful New Plans Will Produce;  
Defensive Strength Main Boys' High Need**

**By JOHN MARTIN**

Dwight Keith, disciple of Phog Allen, this season hopes to inject into his Boys' High basketeers the same serum that the good doctor uses to keep his Jayhawkers flying high at Kansas.

Keith has read everything the Kansas master has written. He has recorded every word Allen spoke during his visit to Georgia early last fall and now he is applying his knowledge with a squad of 30-odd Purples with the hope of having a say-so in the forthcoming Big Seven chase.

**THE PURPLES** must go down in pre-season rating as a dark-horse. They will be better than they were last year, when they rose from the depths in Keith's first year at the helm.

"We are weak on defense," Keith said Tuesday. "We are still looking for a couple of rugged guards who have poise enough to handle the ball."

This, he admitted, was his only noticeable weakness.

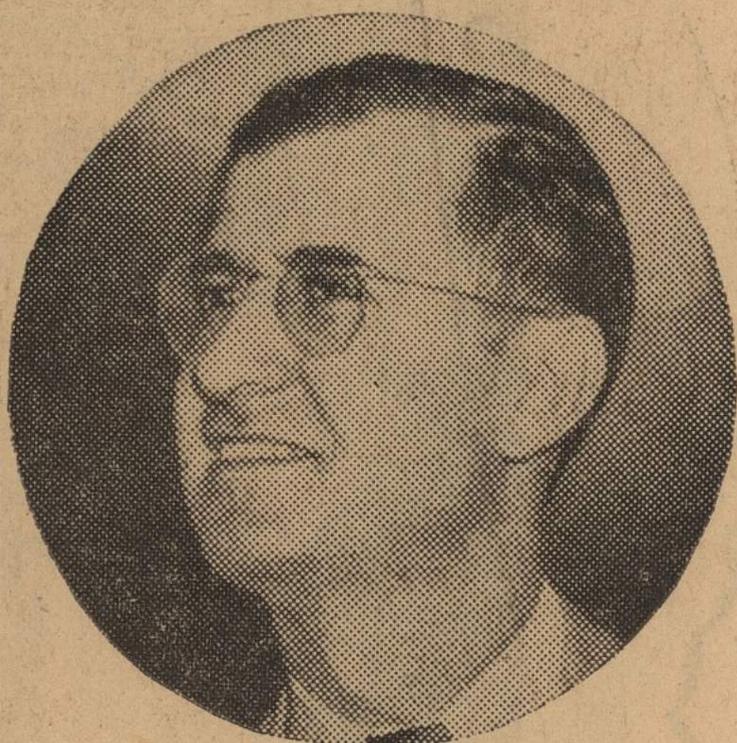
Keith will follow Allen's principles in everything except defense. Rather than employ Allen's stratified-transitional man-to-man plan with zone principle, he will stick to a strict man-to-man system. His offensive game consists of short passes, pivots, dribbles and short shots, with both the fast break and the set screening plays coming into practice.

"**I AM NOT** so worried over our ability to score," Keith declared. "Gaston, Edelstein and Doyle are accurate shots and give us a nucleus at the forwards."

All of these are lettermen. Gaston came fast at the tail-end of the 1938 season and appears to be on his way to stardom.

Five reserves have shown promise as forwards in early drills. McAfee heads a group including Bob Gaston, Weinkle, Hambrick and W. Morris.

Footballers have the inside track on the guard berths. Jack McKinney, holdover from last year, has been running with Chaffin, football manager, at the starting posts. Bill Bailey, Alfred Berman, Clint Castleberry and Cohen also are in the race for work in the defensive slots. There is a possibility that Lofton Smith will return. He was



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a regular last year with McKinney.

**AT CENTER THE** elongated Deese is looking to a bigger year. He is a certainty to get the call, but will look to Cohen and Avery for relief.

A sudden spurt by Deese would just about set the Keith machine in good running order. Should he uncover a little speed and improve his ball-handling he would become the hub of an ambitious outfit capable of bumping any of their higher ranked opponents.

The Purples will drill during the morning beginning Wednesday. Three before-noon sessions will be held before Keith dismisses his squad for the holidays.

Practice will be resumed on the afternoon of January 2.