

"In 1940 Kansas won the Western NCAA and Indiana won the Eastern. Kansas had defeated Oklahoma Aggies to determine the Fifth District champion since Oklahoma Aggies is in the Missouri Valley Conference and we are in the Big Six Conference, and it was necessary to decide on our Fifth District champion. Then Southern California, Rice (representing the Southwest Conference), Colorado (representing the Rocky Mountain Conference), and Kansas played in Kansas City. Southern California defeated Colorado, and Kansas defeated Rice. Then Kansas defeated Southern California for the Western NCAA. Indiana and Kansas met in Kansas City for the National NCAA, and Indiana won.

"In 1941 Stanford won the NCAA championship by defeating Dartmouth, the Eastern winner. In 1942 Wyoming won the NCAA championship by defeating St. Johns of Brooklyn, or Georgetown, I am not certain, the Invitation winner.

"Now let me say a word about these Invitation winners. They are nothing more nor less than a selection of Ned Irish and a group of newspaper men in New York. This tournament was formerly called the Sport Writers Tournament of New York City. It was promoted and built up among the sport writers. This was such a vulgar promotion that policy and less heat desired caused them to call it the National Invitation Tournament. It has no bearing, no standing with any colleges at all. It is simply a promotion like the A.A.U. (Amateur Athletic Union). They pick the teams that they think will draw best at the gate, and keep the money. The sport writers divide their money liberally, and still make plenty; but the AAU keeps it all.

"In 1943 Utah won the National NCAA by defeating Dartmouth for the finals in Madison Square Garden. Then Utah went on to defeat St. Johns of Brooklyn for what they call the mythical, - and it is very mythical because it has no standing at all, - but the money is given to the Red Cross and has been for this play-off between the NCAA and the National Invitation. And that gives a semblance of standing to the mythical championship. It would never be played and the National Invitation would have no bearing except for newspaper and Ned Irish's promotion.

"This year the Oklahoma Aggies won the Western play-off by defeating Arkansas. They had previously defeated Utah by a top heavy score in the first round. Then Oklahoma Aggies went east to defeat New York University in Madison Square Garden for the NCAA finals. And night before last Oklahoma Aggies defeated DePaul of Chicago for this mythical championship promoted by Irish and his newspaper coterie, \$46,000 in gate receipts going to the Red Cross.

"The National Collegiate A.A. Tournament first started when Oregon won the Western NCAA play-off at Treasure Island in San Francisco. John Bunn and I, the NCAA representatives, conducted the tournament. The University of Oklahoma from the Fifth District, the University of Texas from the Sixth District, Utah State from the Seventh District, and Oregon played for the Western Championship title. Oregon, the Western winner, then went to Chicago and played Ohio State, the Eastern NCAA champion, and Oregon defeated Ohio State, thereby making Oregon the first National Collegiate champion.

"So the Pacific Coast has won two championships, with Oregon and Stanford. The Big Ten has won one NCAA championship with Indiana in 1940. The Rocky Mountain Conference has won two with Utah and Wyoming as their representatives, and the Missouri Valley has won one with Oklahoma Aggies. Not an eastern team has won a championship, although Dartmouth, New York University and others have gotten to the finals.

"I know Coach Joe Lapchick of St. Johns very well and he is a fine