

Heretofore we have had our freshmen and we taught them fundamentals. Then when they became sophomores they had a few of the fundamentals. But these boys in reality are freshmen and that is the difference. So I am not sour or dour about the situation.

At the beginning of the season I picked Iowa State first - in a canter; Oklahoma second; Missouri third; Kansas fourth; then Nebraska and Kansas State. And that is the way they are at this moment, and I think that is about the way they will finish the season, although we play Nebraska Saturday night at Lincoln, they we play Kansas State February 23 at Manhattan, and our last home games are against the University of Missouri on February 26 and against Iowa State at Lawrence on March 3. We still have a chance to tie Missouri for third place.

Iowa State has Price Brookfield, the all-American West Texas State Teachers star who played four years for West Texas and then played a year of professional baseball and also a year of professional basketball in New York last year. Then Louis Menze had three of his regulars from last year -- Uhlman and the two Wehde twins, Ray and Roy, and then he inherited Sauer from the Navy, from Washington University another star player, and another from St. Louis University and one from Drake, so he has a wealth of material.

So much for basketball. Now for the war.

A fellow appeared before a draft board and the physician in charge said, "Strip." He looked the fellow over and then asked, "How long have you been wearing that brace?" "Five years," the registrant said. "4F for you", said the doctor.

The chap went home and told his friend. The friend said, "May I borrow that brace?" "Sure", the fellow said. His friend appeared before the examining physician at the induction center with the brace, sans his clothes. "How long have you been wearing that brace?" queried the doctor. "Five years", said the friend. "6E for you", said the doctor. "6E!", said the inductee. "I never heard of that before. What does that mean, doctor?" And the good doc replied, "That means you will be in Egypt in six weeks. Any guy who can wear a brace like that upside down can ride a camel."

I don't know how many 6E's we will catch from Lawrence, but we haven't found any yet.

Old "T-Hambone" Hunter is still with us and still fighting 'em. He writes as follows:

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"Dear Dr. Allen:

Just a few dribbles, Doc, to let you know I'm still O.K. and receiving the Jayhawk Rebounder regularly. Thought you might like to know a little about our game with

the Japs on Bougainville. Well, everything was going fine until one day they got me and my boys in a hot-box. I thought for a while they were going to call in the outfielders to get us out. Fortunately for us, however, we got out before they had time.

I have called it a game, Doc, and to me that's just about how it seemed. The same is true for most of the boys that return. The bad part of the whole war is those boys who give their life to win. I had some of those and for them it must have been more than a game.