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It was the 26th year at the helm for the Crimson and Blue, his 19th championship crew. The team was ever-victorious in conference competition, the third Allen squad to make such a record in 20 years. Others were those in 1923 and 1936. A new Big Six record in average margin of victory was established at 15.9 points, which just exceeded the 15.4 record set up by Kansas in 1936. Furthermore, in spite of gas rationing and no participation in a national tournament at the end of the season, this year's team played before the greatest number of persons ever to see a Kansas team perform. Total attendance was 96,526. Gross receipts for home games were down this year, totaling \$12,915 as compared with \$13,396 last year. The effect of rationing was shown in these figures. Away from home games brought in \$10,430 as compared with last year's \$7,708.

Surveying the year's events, a highly colorful season is revealed in retrospect. It included:

1. A faltering organization at first with poor co-operation among players and the star of the team being dismissed temporarily for "lack of interest," then a sudden unification on the Eastern Christmas trip into one of the most powerful court machines Kansas ever had. It bowled over by lopsided scores some of the country's major teams. It set up a new Big Six high score record with 69 points against Missouri. It beat Oklahoma on the Sooners' own court, a feat not accomplished by Kansas since 1938 with Pralle, Schmidt, Harp, Ebling, Corliss, and Golay pitted against the famous Boy Scouts.

2. Exclusive use of five superior men in early games developed a great name, the "Iron Five." However, the original Iron Five combination was never available after January 31. It was composed of Charley Black, Junior forward of Lawrence, Otto Schnellbacher, Sophomore forward from Sublette, John Buescher, senior center from Beardstown, Ill., Ray Evans, All-American guard from Kansas City, Kans., and Armand Dixon, sophomore guard from Hermosa Beach, Calif. Black, Evans and Buescher will doubtless go down in K.U. history as immortals. The two sophomores were not far behind them.

#### McSpadden, Ballard, Kissel Come Thru

When Charley Black dropped out with illness, early in February, diminutive "Sparky" McSpadden proved to have the spark necessary to keep the remaining four in the running. Then when Armand Dixon left for a pre-indiction visit at home just before the crucial Oklahoma game at Lawrence, Jack Ballard, 6-foot 7-inch guard, rose to the occasion and made that victory possible. Later Max Kissell furnished the marginal drive and scoring power to beat the Tigers on their own court. Others who got into the game were: Hoyt Baker, football quarterback, Bill Forsyth, Paul Turner, Bob Fitzpatrick, John Short, Don Blair, and George Dick. Each looked good working with the regulars but complete or near complete delegations of the second stringers proved inadequate in games against the Olathe Clippers and Creighton. All sixteen received letters and gold basketballs. Attention was called to the fact that every Kansas player who has won three letters since 1922 has been decorated with at least one gold football, some as many as three.