



# JAYHAWKER SPORTS



## Final Big Six Standings

	W	L	Pct		W	L	Pct
Kansas	10	0	1.000	Nebraska	5	5	.500
Oklahoma	7	3	.700	Iowa State	2	8	.200
Missouri	5	5	.500	Kansas State	1	9	.100

SKIPPER PHOG HORN ALLEN brought the good ship Kansas into port at the end of the 1942-43 basketball voyage a winner by several lengths, or knots,—or fathoms,—or something. At any rate, the opposition could not "fathom" how he does it.

It was his 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 of 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 Scats.

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

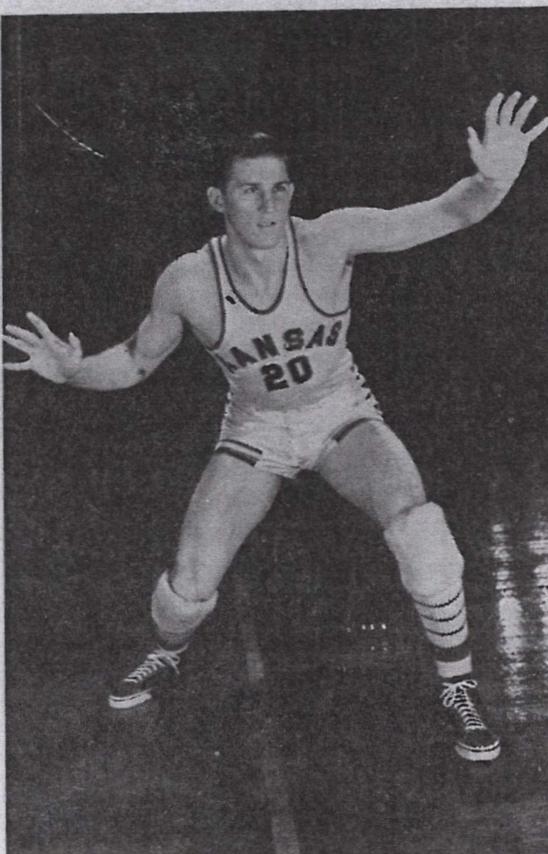
of Lawrence, Otto Schnellbacher, sophomore forward from Sublette, John Buescher, senior center from Beardstown, Ill., Ray Evans, all-American guard from Kansas City, Kan., and Armand Dixon, sophomore guard from Hermosa Beach, Calif. Black, Evans and Buescher will doubtless go down in K.U. history as immortals. The two sophomores were not far behind them.

### McSPADDEN, BALLARD, KISSELL 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-induction 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.

### INCIDENTS

3. Turbulent "incidents" marked the season's play. In a rough, fast game at Lawrence the Olathe Clippers were far behind. Their coach did a humorous (to Kansas fans) act by sending into the game a player whose chief talents and inclinations were more in the nature of running amuck than good basketball. He made his four personal fouls in approximately two minutes and retired gingerly to the bench. At Stillwater in the game there with Oklahoma



All-American Ray Evans

A. & M. little Sparky McSpadden was incensed to square off for a boxing bout with an Aggie player. "Thin Man" Buescher, no giant himself, stepped in to quiet the trouble. At Lawrence in the closing seconds of the red-hot Oklahoma-Kansas game Bill Brill drew three quick blows from Ug Roberts, Oklahoma player. Other Kansas and Oklahoma players pulled them apart, the Oklahoma coach hustled Roberts to the dressing room and Brill followed to shake hands and "make-up."

### INTO MILITARY SERVICE

4. A ceremony between halves at the final game March 6 was one of the most unusual ever to be seen at a sports event in the University's history. With all sixteen letter winners lined up to receive gifts from the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, to have their letter awards announced and their election of John Buescher as honorary captain for the year, made known, it was also announced that eleven of them were going within the next few hours into War service. Into the Army Air Corps went Black and Short. Into the Army through the Enlisted Reserve Corps went Evans, Schnellbacher, Dixon, Ballard, Baker, Fitzpatrick, Blair, Brill and Dick. Of the other five the Naval Air Corps Reserve has Kissell, while McSpadden and Forsyth are in the Navy V-1 program, Turner is in the Navy V-7 plan and Buescher is classified 4-F and was rejected by the Army. They will carry on their studies. Buescher is a senior.

The remarkable physical condition of all players was noteworthy. First stringers who played all through the year were fresh at the end of the season. Each substitute was always able to play an entire game without a pause when injected into the line-up.

### Complete Kansas Record

Freshmen 24, Varsity 45  
 Olathe Clippers 40, Kansas 29  
 Rockhurst 40, Kansas 44  
 Creighton 38, Kansas 33  
 St. Bonaventure 22, Kansas 53  
 Fordham 30, Kansas 31  
 St. Joseph 38, Kansas 63  
 St. Louis 25, Kansas 60  
 Olathe Clippers 32, Kansas 60  
 Missouri 44, Kansas 69  
 Oklahoma 44, Kansas 48  
 Oklahoma A&M 29, Kansas 36  
 North American 36, Kansas 45  
 Camp Crowder 26, Kansas 57  
 Rosecrans Flyers 22, Kansas 71  
 Kansas State 20, Kansas 40  
 Camp Crowder 35, Kansas 31  
 Olathe Clippers 36, Kansas 47  
 Great Lakes 47, Kansas 41  
 Olathe Clippers 42, Kansas 32  
 Iowa State 20, Kansas 44  
 Nebraska 24, Kansas 56  
 Iowa State 29, Kansas 37  
 Oklahoma A&M 43, Kansas 47  
 Nebraska 33, Kansas 52  
 Oklahoma 35, Kansas 42  
 Missouri 44, Kansas 47  
 Creighton 56, Kansas 34  
 Kansas State 30, Kansas 47