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Kansas City, Mo., March ____ The greatest crowds ever to enjoy a sports event in Kansas City's beautiful Municipal Auditorium!

That is the prediction of the auditorium officials after checking up the advance sale for the Tournament of Champions to be staged for the basketball winners of the four western districts of the National Collegiate Athletic Association here Friday and Saturday nights, the winning team to meet the winner of the East on the auditorium court Saturday night, March 30. Two weeks ago sports experts predicted that the tournament would draw great crowds. But when the University of Kansas came through victorious in its playoffs in the Big Six and then followed with a victory over the Missouri Valley Conference winner---Oklahoma A & M---for the right to represent the fifth district, then the week-end of play was termed a natural, especially as the University of Colorado added to the prestige of the event by winning the Metropolitan Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

All four teams---the Jayhawkers of Kansas, the great team from Colorado U., the "fire-department" boys of Rice Institute of Houston, and the pride and joy of the West Coast----the Trojans of Southern California--are chock full of color as well as outstanding playing ability. The drawings for the two games Friday night will be made here Thursday afternoon, after arrival of all the four teams, and all four quintets will swing into action for the two games of the opening night. Saturday night the winners will meet with the losing teams battling it out for third place.

Today Dr. Forrest C. Allen of the University of Kansas, district chairman and managing director of the tournament, announced the following corps of referees:- E. C. Quigley, supervisor; Ted O'Sullivan of Kansas City; Ab Curtis of Fort Worth, Tex., Joe Vidal of Denver, Colo., and Dr. Dudley S. DeGroot of San Jose, Cal.