

ARRANGE MEETING PROGRAM

Coaches Descend on New Orleans

THE New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association has been extremely active in arranging an attractive convention schedule for the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Meeting will have a day devoted to preliminary festivities on Wednesday, March 18, with the formal sessions slated to get underway the next day at 10 A.M.

The St. Charles Hotel has been designated as the headquarters and attractive rooms at the minimum rate of \$3.00 a day have been set aside for the coaches attending the meeting.

Following the golf program arranged on Wednesday, there will be an informal dinner at the Jax Brewery with the coaches guests of the Sugar Bowl Committee. The next day will be devoted to meetings and luncheon will be a buffet affair served on the meeting floor so that no general breakup of the sessions will be necessary.

The annual banquet is scheduled Thursday night

at Antoinettes, one of the most famous restaurants in the country, if not in the world. Dr. Paul Brosman, Dean of the Tulane University College of Law, will be the principal speaker. On this occasion also will be made the announcement of the annual individual award for an outstanding contribution to the game of basketball. Coaches attending the meeting will be guests of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association at this dinner.

On Friday and Saturday the eastern playoffs of the National Collegiate A.A. tourney will be contested in the Tulane University gym and coaches will be allowed one ticket without charge to each night of these playoffs.

Following the conclusion of the business meetings on Thursday and Friday there will be a rules demonstration and clinic on Saturday morning. A comprehensive sightseeing tour of New Orleans will be held that afternoon and the final playoff game Saturday night will wind up the festivities.

TOURNEYS CLIMAX SEASON

Three Big National Events Give Top Teams Their Reward

THE 1941-1942 college basketball season is drawing to a close. From all sections of the country come reports of better teams, improved play and increase in public interest and attendance.

The month of March is tourney month for the survivors of the long campaign. Now is the time when the sectional leaders in conferences and independent ranks have their opportunity to match skill with the topflight squads from other sections.

With the various sectional tournaments out of the way the national competition gets its start in Kansas City on March 9 to 14 when the fifth annual tourney will be held in the Municipal Auditorium sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball headed by E. C. Liston of Baker College. The country is divided into 32 sections and each group is entitled to a representative. Outstanding teams from 25 states competed in the 1941 field with San Diego State defeating Murray of Kentucky in the final by two points.

The Kansas City Auditorium will also be the scene of the western regionals and final game of the National Collegiate A.A. tourney. The fourth annual tourney sponsored by this body will open on March 20 and 21 with the eastern and western regionals, the eastern to be held in the Tulane gym at the time

of the annual convention of the coaches association. Harold Olson, of Ohio State chairman of the tourney committee, has made arrangements for each member coach attending the convention to receive a ticket for the two nights of the regionals without any charge. The victors in these sectional playoffs will collide in the final at Kansas City on March 28.

This is the fourth year of this tourney, the final each of the preceding three years having pitted the Pacific Coast Conference winner against a Western Conference representative. Wisconsin won the crown last year beating Washington State in the final.

The tourney picture is completed by the fifth annual national invitation tourney conducted in Madison Square Garden, New York, under the direction of eleven New York City colleges, comprising the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee. This tourney will be held on March 17, 19, 23 and 25. As in other years two top ranking New York teams are pitted against six outstanding teams who compete on invitation without regard to sectional restrictions. Last year the final pitted Long Island U. against Ohio U. with L.I.U. winning.