

Echoes From a K. U. Basketball Sounding Board in California
Suggesting That the Life of a Famous Basketball Coach's Son Isn't Laden
With Justice....Random Shots By Kansas Star's Sports Editor

Kansas basketball has located a sounding board as far away as Santa Monica, Calif., and here is an echo--

"I've been reading articles on Big Six basketball and am just a little burned up," writes "A Lifetime Jayhawker" from Santa Monica. "I'm a Jayhawker gone California," he adds, "but I know the basketball situation at Kansas pretty well. All the stuff I have been reading has been about Ralph Miller, John Lobsigger, Jimmy McNatt, Jack Horacek and an occasional word about Bob Allen--that's what burns me up. I was fortunate enough to see the Kansas-Kansas State and the Kansas-Oklahoma games and saw Bob Allen do everything but eat the baskets. He was the sparkplug behind a pretty good ball club, and if I know anything about it he is going to be the difference between a pretty good team and a great one before the season ends.

"I wouldn't want anyone to think that I do not admire the other players named, especially McNatt and Miller, but just take young Allen out of the Kansas line-up and see what happens. I'm afraid this is going to be an exact duplication of the 1936 season when Milt Allen was the inspiration and nine-tenths of the backbone of a great ball club and the only Kansas man ignored when the All-Star teams were chosen. That's the sacrifice a kid makes for being the son of the best basketball coach in the country.

"That's enough of that," the correspondent concludes, "but I'd like to say that Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas can take U.S.C., California and U.C.L.A. into camp, and I say it after having seen those teams under fire.

'BOOING' HURTS HOME TEAM, COACH SAYS

Shelbyville, Ind., January 17 (Spl.) That good old Hoosier hardwood custom of "booing" serves mainly to hurt the chances of the home team.

Take it from J. Wendell (Ike) Ballard, Shelbyville High School coach and president of the Indiana High School Coaches Association, who issued a statement to that effect as an aftermath of Shelbyville's annual setto with the Greensburg Pirates, long an outstanding "grudge battle" in southern Indiana net circles. Shouting uncomplimentary remarks at officials and booing in general has these three effects, Ballard said:

1. It makes the home team feel it is getting a "raw deal" and often results in disintegration of the team's morale.
2. It "peps up" the opposing visiting team members and makes them feel that are going to "get the breaks."
3. It makes officials "lean over backward" in making decisions during the remainder of the game, so they may be sure they do not favor the "booing crowd."

SOLD OUT BEFORE FEBRUARY 1

Bloomington, Ind., January 30 (AP)--The Purdue-Indiana Big Ten basketball game here February 10 is a sellout. I. U. athletic officials said last night the 6,500 seats in the fieldhouse all had been sold. The schools will play another game March 2 at Lafayette.
