

If I had to pick the best from these eight, it would certainly be an almost impossible task. The consensus of opinion among the writers and critics here seemed to be that Sam Barry's Southern California team was tops. My personal opinion would be that the Oklahoma Aggies, Colorado and Santa Clara would certainly be of equal ability.

Texas by its fine showing raised the stock of southwestern basketball in the East. The Longhorns under Jack Gray were the first team from that section and conference to stave off the jitters here and registered an impressive win over Manhattan.

Oregon made a much better showing here this season than a year ago even though its 1939 five did win the Pacific Coast Conference title. Oklahoma and Missouri were solid teams and upheld the prestige of the Big Six. Missouri was visibly handicapped by the absence of its two big men, Currence and Cooper, who were with the football team. George Edwards missed those big men in the N.Y.U. game for Missouri got very few rebounds.

New York University apparently is the best of the metropolitan district teams although Long Island University, St. John's and St. Francis are above average strength and may come along to take rank with N.Y.U. as the newcomers settle down.

Some great individual players have performed brilliantly. Ralph Vaughn of Southern California; W. D. Haupt and Bobby Moerres of Texas; Teddy Giannini of Santa Clara; Jack Harvey and Leason McCloud of Colorado; Jerry Steiner of Butler; Harvey Slade of Oklahoma Aggies; Jim McNatt of Oklahoma U., and John Dick of Oregon were standouts among the visiting players.

The response to these games from the basketball fans of New York has been astonishing. The first five games of the season, one-third of the regular schedule, shows the greatest average turnout in the six years the New York schools have used the Garden as their home court. The all-time record was broken when 18,245 attended the L. I. U. - Southern California and Texas - Manhattan double-header. More than 18,000 saw Oregon lose an overtime decision to L.I.U. in the opener. The average for the first five nights has been over 15,000, better than 10 percent increase over last year, which had been the best in our court history here

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Minnesota beat that favorite team of the Big Ten - by the score of 46 - 44. The winning score was made on a long shot from near mid-floor just as the final whistle blew. Dave MacMillan's team led in the first half 29 - 16, making Dave say "one of the finest halves of basketball a team has ever played for me." In the first eight and one half minutes of the second half Indiana scored 21 points Minnesota's one. We can hear coaches say that either one of these fine teams should have coasted through with their big leads, but kids are kids, and when they blow big leads on us, we just have to take it. That is what makes the game so popular, now, as anyone can win, for with two minutes to go Indiana was leading by four points and still lost. What a thriller this game must have been. So why change it. Our idea is to let it alone.