

Jayhawk Rebounds

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The University of Kansas Jayhawkers close their regular cage season here tonight with but one purpose in mind and that is to trounce the Missouri Tigers and thus earn a tie for the Big Six title with Oklahoma. It is the 106th basketball meeting between the schools.

After defeating Kansas State at Manhattan Tuesday night by a 45 to 26 score, the Jayhawks crept within one-half game of Bruce Drake's Sooners and need only a win tonight to snare their tenth title, undisputed or tied, in the fourteen years of Big Six history.

More than just the Big Six title will be decided in the Missouri fray, however. The right to represent the conference in a play-off with the Missouri Valley champion to determine the Fifth District's N.C.A.A. representative at Kansas City will also be at stake.

If Kansas wins, the Jayhawkers are assured of the Big Six bid to continue in post-season games. Although Oklahoma and Kansas will be tied the Kansans will receive the nod because of their better offensive-defensive ratio which, under Big Six rules, decide the ranking team.

This Missouri squad which will face the

Jayhawks has undergone considerable change since the first meeting of these two teams this season. In that game the Kansans looked impressive as they ran up a 48 to 34 score. Since then, however, George Edwards has re-gained the services of two forward lettermen from last year, Captain Herbie Gregg and Keith Bangert, and has lost lettermen George Evans and George Constantz.

The Tigers have won but two games this season and unless they nip the Jayhawks tonight they will wind up in the same spot as last year, in the cellar with two wins and eight losses.

Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, is not overlooking the potentialities of the Bengal team. It was to Missouri that Iowa State lost its first Big Six game and started on the downward track. And after Saturday's heart-breaking, last second, one-point loss to Nebraska the Tigers will be in a fighting mood.

This game affords a similar set-up to the contest three years ago when Missouri and Kansas were fighting for the Big Six crown and the Tigers swamped the Jayhawks, 55 to 30, to tie Oklahoma for the title and relegate the Kansans to third place. Friday night Kansas will try to turn the tables, taking the title and pushing Missouri into the cellar.

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