

# Drawings Tonight For N.C.A.A. Play

By Louis Clapper

None of the teams in the N. C. A. A. Western Divisional Basketball Tournament, which begins at Municipal Auditorium tomorrow night, are distinct underdogs, but Rice Institute's quintet isn't receiving much play in the championship consideration.

And that is just fine, according to Coach Byron (Buster) Brannon, who gave his Owls a short drill at the auditorium yesterday.

## Has Even Chance

"I don't think it would be wise to come out and say we'll win," Brannon drawled in the most becoming Texas manner, "but I do think our chances are about even with the other clubs."

"The Southwest has always had a bad basketball rating—we specialize in football," he continued. "But in the last three or four years we've improved a lot and I think our game is as strong as in most of the other sections.

"That's why I believe we'll have a good chance," Brannon concluded.

The lanky mentor then went on to point out that the Owls defeated Bradley Tech and Loyola, of Chicago, two good ball clubs, and gave Purdue, Big Ten champion, a good battle on a Christmas road tour. Rice also downed Southern Methodist by about the same scores as did Kansas, another entry in the tournament. The Rice record of 21 wins in 24 starts speaks well for the team's power.

## No Honor to Uphold

Rice will have one consolation even if the Owls lose. The Southwest Conference N. C. A. A. district representative has yet to win a game in the annual classic, either championship or consolation.

Frank Carswell, the only senior on the squad and one of the two injured players, will be in shape for the tournament, but Levi Craddock's game time will likely be limited. Both of the players are regular starters.

Rice brought only a squad of nine men to the tournament.

## Other Teams Arrive

Southern California, "glamour team" from Los Angeles which is one of the favorites, and Kansas, "home town team" for Kansas City fans, arrived today in time for short workouts. Colorado has been here since Tuesday.

Drawings for the tournament will be made about 9 o'clock tonight at the Hotel Continental after Southern California arrives at 8:15 o'clock. Chief of Police L. B. Reed will act as "puller."

## Large Crowds To See N.C.A.A. Games

The "world series of basketball," the N.C.A.A. western divisional play-offs, which will be staged in the Municipal Auditorium tomorrow night and Saturday, is finding a warm place in Kansas City's athletic heart.

While plenty of choice seats will be available with no danger of a sell-out, the advance sale for both nights already assures the largest crowd the auditorium has accommodated for an athletic event in quite some time.

If the attendance is good, N.C.A.A. heads may make Kansas City the permanent home of the big tournaments as does the National Intercollegiate Association.