

Tonight's Game in Hoch Will Determine Nation's Top Basketball Coach

Allen Must Win to Pass Iba in Won and Lost Percentage

Supremacy in the basketball coaching world! That's what the game in Hoch auditorium tonight will mean for Coaches Forrest C. "Phog" Allen of Kansas and Henry Payne Iba of Oklahoma A. and M.

Not only will the game be a clash between two great teams but it will be a meeting of the two greatest coaches in American college basketball circles, deans of their profession.

This season marks Iba's fifteenth year as a basketball coach. His all-time record is astounding, his teams having 381 games, lost only 70, for a life-time coaching percentage of .8162.

Allen Could Surpass Iba

Coach Allen need take nary a backward step when considering this record for he has been in the coaching business for 32 years, himself, and has to show for his efforts an all-time percentage of .8154, having won 548 games and lost only 124.

Both of these records include games played this season. At the start of tonight's game, Iba will have a better percentage of victories by .0008 of one per cent. Allen, however, will take the upper hand if the



DR. F. C. ALLEN

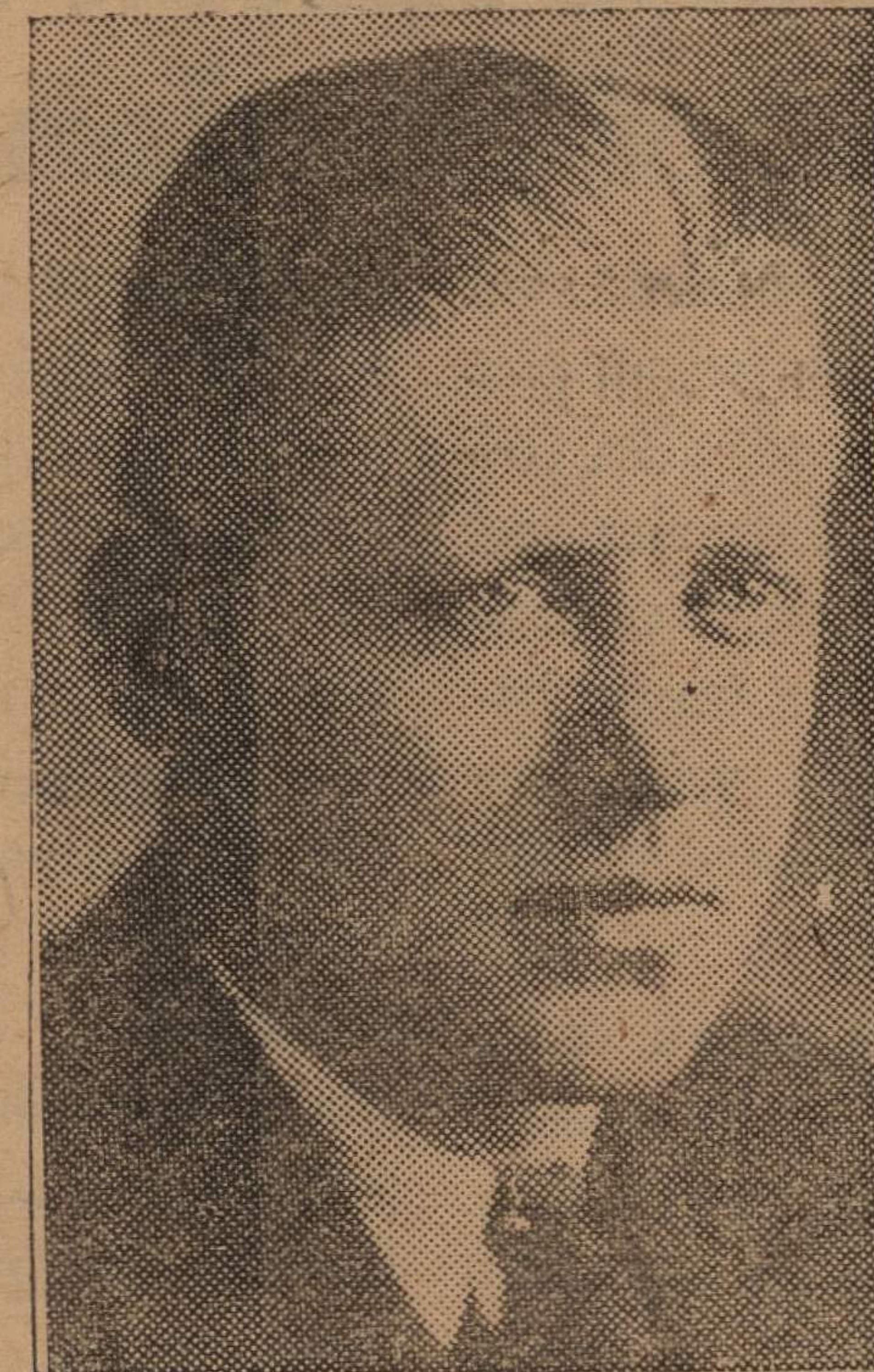
Jayhawkers win tonight. In that case, his percentage would then read .8157 compared with Iba's .8141. This would turn the tables and give Allen an advantage of .0016 of a per cent.

The possibility always exists, though, when Iba-coached teams are playing that his team will emerge victorious and if this should happen tonight then Iba will increase his percentage lead to .0025 of a per cent, .8167 to .8142.

Eighth Year At A. & M.

Henry Iba, who is now 38 years old, attended high school at Easton, Mo., and later enrolled at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. He attended that school for three and one-half years, receiving his degree at Northwest Missouri Teachers College at Maryville in the summer of 1928. Leaving Westminster in the fall of 1927, Iba began his career as a coach at Classen High School, Oklahoma City. He spent two years at Classen, four years at Northwest Missouri Teachers' College, and one year at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo., before going to A. and M. in the summer of 1934. This winter he began his eighth season as head basketball coach of the Oklahoma Aggies.

His teams have won ten conference or state championships out of the fourteen years he has coached. He has had two undefeated regular seasons, 31 games for 1929-30 at Northwest Missouri Teacher's Col-



HENRY IBA

lege, and 24 games for 1931-32 at the same school. His greatest winning streak was 42 straight games from the start of the season of 1929-30 until the middle of the season, 1930-31. He gave Oklahoma A. & M. its greatest winning streak in history during the 1939-40 season when the Oklahoma Aggies won 25 consecutive games.

On the other hand, twenty-four of the past thirty-one coaching seasons, Doctor F. C. Allen has had championship teams. His Jayhawk quintets have won or tied for the Big Six title nine times in the last eleven years. Only once in his thirty-two years as a coach has Allen had a team which lost more games than it won. That was in 1929 when everything imaginable in the way of misfortunes happen to his Kansas squad and they won only three games.

"Phog's" first season in the coaching game found him turning out an undefeated team. That was in 1908 and he was coaching the Baker University team, in addition to handling the coaching reins at K.U. While Kansas was winning 18 games and losing 6, Allen's Baker team came through with a clean slate, 24 wins without a defeat. That was too easy so the following year he took a third team under his wing, the Haskell Indian Institute team. His record for all three teams was 74 victories and only 10 defeats. Dr. Allen is now coaching his twenty-fifth K.U. team.

Not only the game score is important tonight, but the results of this coaching clash will be of great interest to every backer of these eminent coaches.