

The Big Six Conference has had quite a bit of difficulty in selecting their representative for the National Collegiate Athletic Association play-off in Kansas City March 24 and 25. As announced last week, Iowa State by having the better offensive-defensive record than Oklahoma, was selected to represent the conference. Iowa State declined the invitation because they were losing some of their star Naval trainees. Therefore they desired to close their season. Oklahoma was placed in the same position, so it was necessary for the tournament manager, Reaves Peters, who is the Big Six Commissioner, to ask the Fifth District Selection Committee, comprising of Dr. H. H. King, chairman, of Kansas State College, C. E. McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star, George Edwards, basketball coach of the University of Missouri, and a representative from the Missouri Valley Conference, to select a representative. The University of Missouri was asked because they had a civilian team. Assistant Dean Sam Shirley, who is faculty representative of Missouri, was out of town and no decision could be had. ~~With~~ The representatives asked the Big Six Selection Committee to ask Iowa State College to reconsider, which they did, so the Iowa State Cyclones will be the Fifth District representative. Henry Iba's Oklahoma Aggies, which would be the Missouri Valley Conference representative, would have been the team to meet in a play-off match with the Big Six representative, but since most of the Missouri Valley teams had disbanded and since Oklahoma Aggies had accepted the Invitation Tournament in New York, no play-off was necessary.

The Fifth District has always heretofore had a play-off series between the Big Six winner and the Missouri Valley winner. Therefore, this year when Iowa State has been selected by the Big Six as their representative they now become the Fifth District representative without a play-off. The Rocky Mountain District, which is the Seventh, has no representative, so the N.C.A.A. committee has asked the University of Iowa to represent the Rocky Mountain area. Likewise, the Pacific Coast had no representative because the northern and southern section of the