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Missouri Valley basketball

Kansas' regulars back in action are Howard Engleman and Ralph Miller, forwards; Bob Allen, center; and Dick Harp, guard. What the Jayhawks lack this year is height. Although they are not midgets, the Kansas players are just of average height, with no giants to compare with these on other conference teams.

John Kline, junior guard, is the tallest man on the squad at 6 feet 3. Kline is a rugged rebound man and usually is inserted into the Kansas lineups when the Jayhawks are up against a man 6 feet 5 inches tall or taller.

Ordinarily, however, Bruce Voran, another junior, will ~~handle~~ be Dick Harp's running mate at guard. Voran is a much smoother player than Kline and is a better scorer. He is an even 6 feet tall.

Engleman, a brilliant scorer, should rank high in the conference scoring race. He is a sensational one hand shot and is poison around the basket. Last year, against Oklahoma, he set a new K.U. individual scoring record of 27 points.

Allen plays the "quarterback" position as it is known on his father's teams. He calls the plays on offense and starts each play. He is a beautiful ball handler and a fine "feeder".

Miller was handicapped by a "football knee" last year and will be held down by the same affliction this year. Don Ebling, senior letterman, probably will alternate with Miller at forward.

The first team probably will line up with Miller and Engleman, forwards; Allen, center; Harp and Voran, guards. The second team will be Ebling and Bruce Reid, forwards; Jack Sands, center; Kline and Bill Hogben, guards.

Nebraska will be strong, basing its hopes for a good season on height and some fine sophomores. Back from last year's team are Al Randall, 6 foot 7 inch center; and Don Fitz, 6 foot 4 inch guard. A brilliant sophomore prospect is Sid Held, 6 foot 4 inch guard. Sophomores also probably will man the forward posts, as a number of good new men are available here. These include Goetz, Radtke and Grote.

Iowa State which won five conference games last year and lost five, expects to be tougher this winter. Bill Bliss, big guard, was the only regular lost and sophomore additions are very promising.

Bob Harris, racehorse forward; Don Beresford, forward; Al Nicholas, burly center; and Bob Menze, little guard, are the Cyclones' returning regulars. Beresford has lost his first team post to Al Budolphson, a sophomore sensation, but the other three are starters again.