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LAWRENCE, Kan., March .---The dean of basketball coaches in the United States, Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, of the University of Kansas, added his 22nd conference championship in 28 years of coaching to the record this season.

Dr. Allen, who has been in the coaching game since 1908, piloted an unimpressive group of candidates to 18 victories against 2 defeats this year. Kansas won its last nine games.

The Jayhawks started the season with only one two-letter-man, five men who had lettered once and some untested sophomores. In their opening game the varsity barely nosed out the freshmen, 44-40.

At that however, the Jayhawks looked better against the strong freshman team than they did in their next few games. Early in the season it was very evident that only one member of the team had enough ability to deserve the ranking of "star" and that was Fred Pralle, twice an all-Big Six guard.

Fans were doubtful, however, that any one player could carry a team to a Big Six championship. Around Pralle Dr. Allen built a team which turned the trick. Even at the end of the season there was no set five, but instead three or four regulars with frequent substitutions at the other positions.

As the season progressed two sophomores, Dick Harp and Don Ebling, developed under Dr. Allen's hand to the point where predictions of greatness in the next two years were made for them.

Ebling's brother Ray was an all-American forward at K.U., graduating in 1936. Don is not as big as Ray, but is a better long shot and floor man. He is one of the hardest workers on the squad.

The greatest difficulty was finding a running mate for Ebling at forward and the men who alternated at this position included George Golay, Bruce Reid, Lyman Corlis, and Loren Florell. Golay was the best scorer, Reid the best passer and Corlis the best mixture.

Dr. Allen graduated from Independence, Mo. high school and from the University of Kansas in 1907. He has been head basketball coach at Kansas since 1920.