

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

To the Kansas Varsity Basketball Men who have passed their academic work satisfactorily and are eligible to play for Kansas under the Big Six Conference requirements for the 1941-42 basketball season:*

Bob Abrams
Jack Ballard
Jack Beck
Don Blair
George Dick
Kenneth Dugan
Gordon Durna
Don Ettlinger
Bob Fitzpatrick
Vance Hall
John Hallberg
T. P. Hunter

Bob Johnson
Warren Israel
Dick Keene
Bill Mathews
Dick Miller
Ralph Miller
Ted Moser
Browder Richmond
Marvin Sollenberger
Paul Turner
Charles Walker
Virgil Wise

* Those taking Correspondence Study in order to be eligible by fall:

Charles Black
John Buescher
Ray Evans
Max Kissell

Dear

We are enclosing the basketball schedule for Kansas for the 1941-42 season as arranged by the Big Six Conference. In addition to our conference schedule you will also see listed games with Denver University, Bethel College at Newton for the dedication of their new field house, Iowa University, DePaul, Wichita and Creighton Universities. There are two games yet to be arranged--probably with Oklahoma A. and M. or with a Southwest Conference team here at Lawrence.

Today is August 4th. In the evening the blackbirds are flitting from the north on their trek to the southland. The dew is heavy at night and the evenings are cool, presaging the coming of fall. When fall comes the tang is in the air. The leaves turn brown and the wind gives an ominous warning that winter is coming. And when frost, snow and sleet come Old Man Winter with his hoary locks and his frigid breath will make you like this indoor game they call round-ball, basketball, or casababall, call it what you will, the main idea is to get that little ball through the hoop--the game that Dr. Naismith originated fifty years ago. He said, "Basketball is a game easy to play but difficult to master". And how true that epic statement is.

Personally, I declare to you that I am more enthusiastic this year about the record that we hope to make than perhaps any other year that I have coached. The year of 1941-42 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of my coaching Kansas basketball teams. Physically we perhaps have some of the finest talent that we have had for years. Some of our men are giants in stature, some can handle the ball like a monkey handles a coconut, but as I run over the roster of this fine material there is not one single man in the group but what I can find glaring faults in some of the execution of his fundamentals. Some can shoot and play a fine offensive game, but they