1938-39 BIG SIX CONFERENCE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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	Oklahoma	@ Columbia
	Kansas	O Lincoln
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27	Mobresla	O Manhattan
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	Nobraska	O Columbia
	KONSOS	O Amos
20	Nobrasia	@ Noman
30	Iona State	@ Lincoln
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Management of Marie Village	Oklahone	© Columbia © Lauronce
27	Mobraska	0 Ames
	Kangos	@ Columbia
	Oldaham	0 Lincoln
	Oklahona	0 Manhattan

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Calendar, 1938-39

December 9 and 10 - K. U. at Stillwater, Okla. (Okla. A. & M.) Austin

December 16 and 17 - K. U. at Makham, Texas (Univ. of Texas)

DECEMBER 17 TO JANUARY 2 - - CHRISTMAS VACATION

December 19 and 20 - K. U. at Dallas, Texas (S.M.U.)

January 26 TO FEBRUARY 2 - - EXAMINATION PERIOD

February 9 - Okla. A. & M. at Lawrence

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TO THE MEN WHO HAVE PASSED THEIR ACADEMIC WORK SATISFACTORILY AND ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE BIG SIX CONFERENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 1938-39 BASKETBALL SEASON ---

(list names)*

*The men not listed here are not eligible at the present time.

Dear _____:

We are sending you the basketball schedule of Kansas as arranged by the Big Six Conference when the coaches met in Lincoln, Nebraska on the third Friday and Saturday in May. The other games listed, such as Oklahoma A. & M., University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, have been approved and the contracts have been signed. The game with Carleton College is tentative. We may play them on January 2, but this is not definite. The Washburn dates have not been arranged, either. I thought you would like to know about our schedule.

Now, I have a greater surprise for you. I am sending you some confidential correspondence which I would ask you not to give to the newspapers, but to keep it in confidence as a member of the Kansas varsity. I want you to see that the National Collegiate Athletic Association is taking definite steps to declare a legitimate national champion from the collegiate ranks in basketball. It is planned that this will be done for this coming year.

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copy of 1818 lette to Dr. Esterly Dr. Hall

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Director of Physical Education, Varsity Basketball Coach. "At the Chicago convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, the motion was passed that the incoming President appoint a Tournament and Olympic Committee, this committee to communicate with and petition the N.C.A.A. to take basketball 'under its wing' in much the same way as it has sponsored national collegiate championship contests in track and field, swimming, wrestling, tennis and golf.

President Chandler of the N.A.B.B.C., appointed the following committee: H. G. Olsen, Ohio State University, chairman; John W. Bunn, Stanford University, and Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas.

Our committee, after considerable deliberation and correspondence, is ready to make the following proposal to the N.C.A.A.:

1. That the N.C.A.A. assume responsibility for the conduct of a National Collegiate Basketball Tournament in the Spring of 1939. This championship play to be so arranged that any lengthy, time consuming district play-offs be avoided. One team to represent each of the eight N.C.A.A. districts might very well be chosen by a selection committee from each district. The teams representing districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 (East of the Mississippi River) might play a four team tournament at some point where interest would be high, travel expenses low and time away from school negligible. For example, Indianapolis, Indiana. The other four teams from districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 (West of the Miss-Indiana. The other four teams from districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 (West of Denversissippi River) might meet in a four team tournament at Kansas City or Denversissippi River) might meet in a four team tournament for the N.C.A.A. Basket-ball Championship.

It is the belief of our committee that such a plan for 1939 would be feasible and practical. It should produce enough revenue to pay all expenses and it is not likely to meet with strenuous objections from conferences and from individual schools who frown on post-season contests, etc. In 1940, the Olympic year, a more ambitious and comprehensive program of elimination tournaments in each district might well be considered.

2. That a Games Committee to conduct the N.C.A.A. Championship play be appointed. It is suggested this committee might be composed of the Tournament and Olympic Committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, plus a representative from each district of the N.C.A.A.

Personnel as follows:

District #1 - Wesley Fesler, Harvard University

District #2 - H. H. Salmon, Jr., New York City

District #3 - Curtis Parker, Centenary College

District #4 - W. S. Chandler, Marquette University

District #5 - George Edwards, University of Missouri

District #6 - James St. Clair, Southern Methodist

District #7 - L. Mahoney, Denver University

District #8 - J. Fred Bohler, State College of Washington

Our committee urges that the N.C.A.A. act on our proposal at its earliest convenience so that the plans for the Tournament Play in 1939 may be gotten under under way very soon."

RED FACES IN NEW YORK

BROADWAY FANS BET HEAVILY ON AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Reports From Far West Say That Louis-Baer Bout Wouldn't Draw More Than \$100,-000 Gate.

> BY EDDIE BRIETZ. (Associated Press Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, July 7.—Lots of red faces around this town today Broadway lost its shirt betting on the American league....Fourth of July must have been pretty tough on Mike Jacobs, who still is laid up with lumbago....Mebbe reports from the far West that a Joe Louis-Max Baer bout in California wouldn't do much more than \$100,000 had something to do with it.... They're tossing a big party in St. Louis tonight for J. Ed Wray, who has been sports editor of the Post-Dispatch there for thirty years.... This grand veteran of the sports world is celebrating his sixty-fifth birthday.

association named Tony Galento No. 1 heavyweight challenger, Tony strung a big

The minute the National Boxing



Winter....Coach Jack Gray can

sign across his bar reading "Bring On That Big Bum, Louis".... Wally Berger began clicking as soon as he left the Polo grounds to join the RedsTexas basketball fans think Promoter Ned Irish will be making a mistake if he doesn't include the Texas Longhorns in his visiting list for Madison Square Garden next

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Kissell of Findlay college out in Ohio, and no wonder.... He lost only three men off his crack football team; his basketball squad comes back to the campus intact, and only one lad will be missing when the baseball team reports....In other words, he is sitting pretty....Enos Slaughter, who is going great guns for the Cardinals, has been made an honorary member of the fire department down in Roxboro, N. C., his home town. Cincinnati is—and always was—a

red-hot baseball town when the Reds are winning....When the club galloped off with the bunting back in 1919, a rabid fan in Cynthiana, Ky., walked sixteen miles every day to learn the score....George Moye, former Florida football star, will fill in for Jeff D. McCord as director of

Athletics at Emory university, while

McCord takes a year's leave of ab-

sence....Healthy sign: the way the

Illinois boxing commission sat down