July 11, 1940

Mr. Harold Keith
Sports Publicity Director
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Harold:

Your story is a wow! I do not think that this should be cut in the least. I quite agree with you that the Big Six is entitled to this publicity, especially since the Big Six representative went to the National Collegiate Finals.

There is just one thing that I am changing with your permission, and that is the part that had reference to Miller and Engleman as national collegiate finals all-stars. It was Allen and Engleman who were the national collegiate finals all-stars and Miller was the Big Six man. I knew that you would want to have this correct.

Where you have the interrogation point on the 1941 Western regional and N.C.A.A. finals, we will let it go as is because there has been no decision otherwise on this.

I want to congratulate you on the wonderful article that you have written. You certainly have done a man-size job, and one that took a large amount of work, intelligence and versatility. I shall fight to see this article is not cut any at all, but if they do cut it then I am afraid these people have seldom seen a proof. I will write to Mr. John T. Doyle, President of the American Sports Publishing Company, and ask that proof be sent you if such a thing is contemplated. I certainly agree with you that you could do better than anyone else in shaping an article up, but Doyle is a good friend of mine and I do not believe that he will cut it.

Thanking you again and assuring you that I want to be one of the first purchasers of your new all sports book, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:lg

P.S. Harold, we have not as yet received the picture of the University of Oklahoma team for the Rules Guide. All of the other pictures have been sent in to the publishing company, and I wish you would rush this to me so that I can forward it as soon as possible. I wrote to Bruce Drake for this a number of times, but failed to receive the gloss.

F.C.A.

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	CONFERENCE GAMES							NONCONFERENCE GAMES				
	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	O.Pts.	Ave.	O.AVE.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	O.Pts.
Oklahoma A. & M.	12	0	1.000	499	300	41.6	25.0	14	3	.823	588	471
Creighton	8	4	.667	429	427	35.8	35.6	3	4	.429	259	258
Drake	7	5	.583	455	428	37.9	35.7	6	7	.462	565	562
Washburn	6	6	.500	386	436	32.2	36.3	4	4	.500	315	323
Tulsa	5	7	.417	370	372	30.9	31.0	8	8	.500	597	533
Washington	2	10	.167	343	409	28.6	34.1	5	3	.625	250	254
St. Louis	2	10	.167	316	426	26.3	35.5	2	4	.333	214	231
Totals	42	42	.500	2798	2798	33.3	33.3	42	33	.560	2788	2632

ALL GAMES							
Ave.	O.Ave.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	O.Pts.	Ave.	O.Ave.
34.6	27.7	26	3	.897	1087	771	37.5	26.6
37.0	36.9	11	8	.579	688	685	36.2	36.0
43.5	43.2	13	12	.520	1020	990	40.8	39.6
39.4	40.4	10	10	.500	701	759	35.1	38.0
37.3	33.3	13	15	.464	967	905	34.6	32.3
31.3	31.8	7	13	.350	593	663	29.7	33.2
35.7	38.5	4	14	.222	530	657	29.4	36.5
37.2	35.1	84	75	.528	5586	5430	35.1	34.2

BY LEIGHTON HOUSH

(Des Moines, Iowa)

Oklahoma A. & M. College of Stillwater, Okla., won the 1939-40 Missouri Valley Conference basketball championship without the loss of a single game, something accomplished only six times previously in the 33 years of title play. The deliberate-playing Cowboys, with more punch than usual, swept through 12 consecutive conference contests, overpowering all opposition with a 41.6-point offensive average and a 25-point defensive mark.

The last time a Missouri Valley championship was won without the loss

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of a game was in 1932, when Creighton took eight straight. Nebraska, in 1916, with 8 and 0; Kansas State in 1919, with 9 and 0; Kansas in 1923, with 16 and 0; Oklahoma in 1928, with 18 and 0, and Washington in 1929, with 7 and 0, were the other teams to turn the trick.

Only two of the Oklahoma Aggies' conference games were close. At Des Moines, Drake was even with the champions with only a few minutes of play remaining but fell, 36 to 28, before a late flurry of goals. The eight-point margin, however, was the closest any Valley team came to the flying Cowboys all season. At Omaha, Neb., Creighton led the Oklahomans at the half, but loss of Center Asa Kelley on fouls set the Bluejays back and the Ags won by 38 to 27.

The 1940 championship was the third won undisputedly by Oklahoma A. & M. and the sixth the Punchers either have shared or won outright. It was the fifth consecutive year Oklahoma A. & M. has cut in on the title pie since Henry Iba came to Stillwater in 1934-35 to take over the basketball coaching. Only in his first year did Hank fail to put his team in the championship bracket.

The Iba-men roamed far and wide seeking more basketball worlds to conquer, winning 14 of 17 conference games. Two of their three defeats were at the hands of the University of Kansas, runnerup to the University of Indiana for the national intercollegiate championship. The other loss was to Duquesne in the first round of Ned Irish's national invitational tournament in Madison Square garden. The Aggies, just as they did in 1938, won consolation honors in the New York event.

The Oklahoma Aggies' opener of the season was a defeat, 34 to 30, at the hands of Kansas, but from then until the Duquesne post-season defeat they were unbeatable. After knocking over Pittsburg, Kan., Teachers, 50 to 27, they headed east for an all-victorious five-game trip, beating City College of New York, 36 to 24; LaSalle, 33 to 16; Duke, 51 to 41; George Washington, 38 to 23, and Loyola of Chicago, 29 to 24.

Back home, the Cowboys entered the Oklahoma City, Okla., All-College Tournament and for the third time in four years won the championship. On the way to the title they disposed of Texas Christian, 38 to 21; Southeastern Oklahoma, 33 to 16; Arkansas, 32 to 26, and Texas Tech, 37 to 24. Then, during the regular season, they took time off from conference play long enough to defeat Big Six opponents three times, whipping the University of Oklahoma twice, 26 to 19 and 37 to 25, and avenging the earlier Kansas setback, 22 to 20.

Duquesne University finally stopped the Cowboys, 34 to 30, in the Garden tournament, but they came back the following night to nose out DePaul of

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Chicago, Ill., 23 to 22, in the consolation. Immediately afterward they left New York, N.Y., by airplane and managed to reach Kansas City, Mo., for the N.C.A.A. district playoff game with Kansas the next night. The Aggies, representing the Valley, and Kansas, co-champion of the Big Six, played a thrilling game before Phog Allen's pupils pulled out the "rubber" decision in an overtime period, 45 to 43. The Jayhawks went on to the national finals, eliminating the Southern California "wonder team" in the western playoffs.

Key man on the crack Cowboy team was the Indian guard, 6-foot 2-inch Jesse Renick of Marietta, Okla., who won an all-conference position unanimously for the second consecutive year. Big Jesse paired with another senior, 6-foot Howard (Danny) Doyle of Dale, Okla., to give Oklahoma A. & M. the greatest set of guards in the school's history. Renick led the team in scoring while Doyle also was picked on the all-conference team.

The third Aggie to make the all-conference five was Harvey Slade, senior forward from El Reno, Okla, rated the top floorman in the loop. The other starting forward usually was a junior, Gene Smelser of Oklahoma City, Okla., but a sophomore, L. J. Eggleston, saw a great deal of action and promises to become one of the greatest scorers Iba has ever coached. The fourth forward, Art Johnson, also a senior, was another crack shot.

Six-foot 5-inch Vern Schwertfeger, a junior college transfer from Satanta, Kan., and a letterman, Howard Francis, junior 6-foot 4-inch player, divided time at center. Jack Hopkins, Bud Millikan and Leroy Floyd were the first substitutes called upon at guard.

By winning 26 of 29 games in 1940, Iba ran his coaching record for 13 years to 278 victories and only 61 defeats, a lifetime average of .820, an astounding mark in a game where upsets abound.

Creighton University of Omaha, Neb., wound up second with a record of eight victories and four defeats. This mark was a tribute to the coaching ability of little Eddie Hickey, whose team appeared headed for nowhere at the start of the season but which climaxed a campaign of steady improvement by beating the famed Kansas U. Jayhawks, 35 to 33. The Jays lost twice in the conference to the champion Aggies and were upset by Washburn and St. Louis, but beat Drake, Tulsa and Washington twice in the double round-robin. They beat Denver and Colorado State but fell before Michigan State twice, Iowa State, and Kansas State.

Asa Kelley, center, and Vinson Roach, guard, two boys who made their senior year a brilliant one, led the Creighton attack, although they were helped out considerably by a junior college transfer from Kansas, Forward Brownie Jaquay. At the other forward was the veteran Marshall Kittleson, while a sophomore star of great promise, Gene Haldeman, filled out at guard. Norman Engelbretson, Bob Fitzgerald, Don Fleming, Gene Ziesel and Leo Seib were leading replacements. The 1940 Creighton freshmen were rated the greatest

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in the school's history, which should make the 1941 Jays very potent.

Bill Williams at Drake University of Des Moines, Ia., produced his usual slick-passing, well-coached team, but lack of replacements kept the Bulldogs, who shared the title the previous year, down in third place with seven victories and five defeats. Drake lost twice to the Aggies and Creighton and one to Tulsa. Two nonconference victories were scored over Grinnell and a two-game series with Iowa State was split. Drake beat Simpson, Iowa conference champion, but lost to Illinois. On a trip into the southwest the Bulldogs lost to Maryville, Bethel, West Texas and New Mexico State twice, but beat New Mexico U. and West Texas.

Ned Swan, 6-foot 3-inch center from Des Moines, was Drake's outstanding player. Ned was a unanimous all-conference choice, just as he was in football. He scored 117 points to lead the loop in scoring despite the fact that he was kept out of one conference game because of ineligibility. He was the first Drake player ever to top circuit scorers. Little Walter O'Connor, the ball-handling wizard, again starred at guard while Toky Ahrenkiel, a letterman, played good ball at forward until he was slowed down because of injuries. Russ Thomas, forward, and Jay Cox, guard, a pair of transfers, usually completed the starting lineup. Dale Awtry and Lowell Baal, forwards, and Buzz Beasley, guard, were the top substitutes.

Washburn college of Topeka, Kan., a slam-bang bunch of ball players coached by Doc Errickson, finished fourth by breaking even in 12 games. The Ichabods also managed to win four of their eight nonconference tilts, beating Phillips, Morningside, McPherson and Southwestern, but losing to Emporia twice, Kansas and Wichita.

Eddie Amsbaugh was the work horse for the Kansans and he was rewarded with a second-team place on the all-conference team. Amsbaugh had some capable help, too, principally by Jim Mackey and Little Kayo Emmot, forwards; Chuck Ostmeyer, center, and Ned Wall, guard.

The University of Tulsa of Tulsa, Okla., had a disappointing season. A team that sized up on paper as a championship contender faded to fifth place with five victories in 12 starts. The Golden Hurricane won half of their 16 nonconference contests. The team beat East Central, Springfield, Independence Junior college, Northwestern, Southwest Missouri Teachers, Oklahoma Baptist, Oklahoma City and LaSalle, but lost to Central, East Texas Teachers, Baylor, North Texas, East Central, West Texas, Bradley Tech, and Yale.

Harry Lamprich, junior forward, was Tulsa's most consistent scorer. Howard Crow and Bob Patterson, other forwards, blew hot and cold all winter and Frank Tenney was called in to help out. Tenney also played center although Ira Sparks usually was the starter. At guard, Clarence Ehlers was a

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standout, with Jack Donalson or Harry King filling in. Coach Tex Ryon seemed unable to find the winning combination and the players were constantly shifted from one position to another.

The two St. Louis, Mo., members of the conference, Washington University and St. Louis U., had dismal seasons, although Washington, coached by Hudson Hellmich, did surprise University of Missouri early in the campaign. The two teams tied for last place with two victories and 10 defeats. Washington won five, lost three nonconference games while St. Louis U. took two and lost four, one of their victories being over Centenary.

Both Washington and St. Louis had one great player. Capt. Les Dudenhoefer of the Billikens scored almost one-third of his team's conference points and earned an all-conference forward berth, while Desmond Lee, Washington center, did almost as well and was placed on the loop second team. Both were seniors.

St. Louis U. has a promising sophomore, Forward Jim McDevitt, but he was lost at mid-semester because of ineligibility. Charley McCarthy (no foolin') played center, with Beryl Carlow, Dick Brooks, Don Bandle, Jack Brady, and Leo Steitz filling out. Jack Sterrett, who coached the Billikens, was succeeded by Bob Koenk of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia.

Dutch Lutz and Bud Schwenk, football stars, helped Lee out at Washington with Jack Warner, Erwin Brichan, Wally MacLean, Ted Huey, John Guzevich, and Buddy Calloway all seeing plenty of competition.

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Oklahoma A. & M.

CONFERENCE

36, Drake 28
38, Creighton 27
42, Washburn 29
39, Washington 23
39, Creighton 21
39, St. Louis 23
36, Tulsa 24
45, Washburn 21
52, Drake 34
41, Washington 25
50, St. Louis 19
42, Tulsa 26

Totals--Won 12, Lost 0

CREIGHTON

CONFERENCE

36, Tulsa 24
27, Oklahoma A. & M. 38
39, Drake 38
21, Oklahoma A. & M. 39
34, Tulsa 31
34, St. Louis 29
49, Drake 45
36, Washburn 44
42, Washington 35
35, St. Louis 43
42, Washburn 31
34, Washington 30

Totals--Won 8, Lost 4

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NONCONFERENCE

30, Kansas 34
50, Pittsburg Teachers 27
36, City College of New York 24
33, LaSalle 16
51, Duke 41
38, George Washington 23
29, Loyola of Chicago 24
38, Texas Christian 21
33, Southeastern 16
32, Arkansas 26
37, Texas Tech 34
26, Oklahoma 19
22, Kansas 20
37, Oklahoma 35
30, Duquesne 34
23, DePaul 22
43, Kansas 45

Totals--Won 14, Lost 3

NONCONFERENCE

47, Denver 34
30, Michigan State 32
21, Michigan State 38
50, Colorado State 36
32, Iowa State 35
44, Kansas State 50
35, Kansas 33

Totals--Won 4, Lost 3

DRAKE

CONFERENCE

47, St. Louis 29
27, Washington 22
28, Oklahoma A. & M. 36
42, Tulsa 33
38, Creighton 39
46, Washburn 40
31, St. Louis 29
45, Creighton 49
35, Tulsa 41
34, Oklahoma A. & M. 52
46, Washburn 31
36, Washington 27

Totals--Won 7, Lost 5

NONCONFERENCE

52, Simpson 41
34, Iowa State 37
33, Maryville 42

WASHBURN

CONFERENCE

47, Washington 37
32, St. Louis 27
21, Tulsa 35
29, Oklahoma A. & M. 42
24, St. Louis 17
40, Drake 46
42, Washington 40
21, Oklahoma A. & M. 45
24, Tulsa 23
44, Creighton 36
31, Drake 46
31, Creighton 42

Totals--Won 6, Lost 6

NONCONFERENCE

46, Emporia 47
34, Phillips 28
39, Emporia 49

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43, Bethel 44
47, New Mexico 39
60, West Texas 71
38, West Texas 33
59, New Mexico State 70
47, New Mexico State 49
32, Illinois 37
33, Iowa State 29
47, Grinnell 33
40, Grinnell 37

Totals--Won 6, Lost 7

41, Morningside 37
57, McPherson 43
28, Southwestern 23
34, Kansas 52
36, Wichita 44

Totals--Won 4, Lost 4.

TULSA

CONFERENCE

35, Washburn 21
24, Creighton 36
33, Drake 42
37, Washington 23
38, Washburn 27
31, Creighton 34
24, Oklahoma A. & M. 36
23, Washburn 24
41, Drake 35
40, St. Louis 27
18, Washington 25
26, Oklahoma A. & M. 42

Totals--Won 5, Lost 7

NONCONFERENCE

28, Central 34
43, East Central 34
31, Springfield 28
61, Independence J. C. 40
44, Northwestern 17
31, Southwest Missouri Teachers 28
42, East Texas Teachers 45
34, Oklahoma Baptist 21
32, Baylor 46
28, North Texas 31

WASHINGTON

CONFERENCE

37, Washburn 47
22, Drake 27
24, St. Louis 26
23, Tulsa 37
23, Oklahoma A. & M. 39
40, Washburn 42
32, St. Louis 20
35, Creighton 42
25, Oklahoma A. & M. 41
25, Tulsa 18
27, Drake 36
30, Creighton 34

Totals--Won 2, Lost 10

NONCONFERENCE

28, McKendree 26
34, Missouri Mines 29
23, Carbondale 38
37, East Illinois Teachers 35
34, Missouri 29
29, Macomb Teachers 34
39, Missouri Mines 28
26, Missouri 35

Totals--Won 5, Lost 3

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24, East Central 31
30, West Texas 42
56, Oklahoma City 23
34, Bradley Tech 38
33, Yale 42
46, LaSalle 36

Totals--Won 8, Lost 8

ST. LOUIS

CONFERENCE

29, Drake 47
27, Washburn 32
26, Washington 24
17, Washburn 24
27, Tulsa 38
23, Oklahoma A. & M. 39
29, Drake 31
29, Creighton 34
20, Washington 32
43, Creighton 35
27, Tulsa 40
19, Oklahoma A. & M. 50

Totals--Won 2, Lost 10

NONCONFERENCE

37, Missouri Mines 26
31, Western Illinois Teachers 40
45, Missouri 54
34, Missouri 48
34, Centenary 26
33, Missouri Mines 37

Totals--Won 2, Lost 4

1940 All-Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Teams

FIRST TEAM

Position	Name	School	Ht.	Class	Home Town
Forward	Harvey Slade	(Okla. A. & M.)	5-10	Senior	El Reno, Okla.
Forward	Les Dudenhoefer	(St. Louis)	5-11	Senior	St. Louis, Mo.
Center	Ned Swan	(Drake)	6-3	Senior	Des Moines, Ia.
Guard	Jesse Renick	(Okla. A. & M.)	6-2	Senior	Marietta, Okla.
Guard	Howard Doyle	(Okla. A. & M.)	6-0	Senior	Dale, Okla.

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SECOND TEAM

Position	Name	School	Ht.	Class	Home Town
Forward	Geno Smelser	(Okla. A. & M.)	6-1	Junior	Okla. City, Okla.
Forward	Harry Lamprich	(Tulsa)	6-1	Junior	Tulsa, Okla.
Center	Desmond Lee	(Washington)	6-2	Senior	St. Louis, Mo.
Guard	Vinson Roach	(Creighton)	5-11	Senior	Omaha, Neb.
Guard	Eddie Amsbaugh	(Washburn)	6-2	Senior	Abilene, Kans.

HONORABLE MENTION

FORWARDS--Toky Ahrenkiel (Drake), L. J. Eggleston (Oklahoma A. & M.), Brownie Jaquay (Creighton), Marshall Kittleson (Creighton), Bob Patterson (Tulsa), Jim Mackey (Washburn).

CENTERS--Asa Kelley (Creighton).

GUARDS--Clarence Ehlers (Tulsa), Walter O'Connor (Drake), Don Bandle (St. Louis), Charles Ostmeyer (Washburn).

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Missouri Valley conference scorers:

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP	AVE.
Ned Swan (Drake) c	11	47	23	26	117	10.6
Les Dudenhoefer (St. Louis) c-f	12	46	9	19	101	8.4
Desmond Lee (Washington) c	12	32	34	25	98	8.2
Jesse Renick (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	12	37	20	19	94	7.8
Brownie Jaquay (Creighton) f	12	34	15	25	83	6.9
Eddie Amsbaugh (Washburn) g	12	33	13	26	79	6.6
Asa Kelley (Creighton) c-f	12	27	25	22	79	6.6
Jim Mackey (Washburn) f	12	21	33	35	75	6.3
Howard Doyle (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	12	30	13	13	73	6.1
Harry Lamprich (Tulsa) f-g	12	22	29	18	73	6.1
Gene Smelser (Oklahoma A. & M.) f	12	28	17	17	73	6.1
L. J. Eggleston (Oklahoma A. & M.) f	11	26	20	8	72	6.6
Walter O'Connor (Drake) g	12	25	20	23	70	5.8
Clarence Ehlers (Tulsa) g	12	27	13	15	67	5.7
Vinson Roach (Creighton) g	12	28	11	26	67	5.6
Russ Thomas (Drake) f-c	11	24	18	14	66	6.0
Toky Ahrenkiel (Drake) f	11	27	11	6	65	5.9
Bob Patterson (Tulsa) f-g	11	27	10	14	64	5.8
Walter Emmot (Washburn) f	12	27	6	16	60	5.0
Charles Ostmeyer (Washburn) c	12	22	14	21	58	4.8
Gene Haldeman (Creighton) g	10	24	8	15	56	5.6
Jay Cox (Drake) g	12	22	9	24	53	4.4
Art Johnson (Oklahoma A. & M.) f	12	21	11	14	53	4.4
Ned Wall (Washburn) g	12	20	12	14	52	4.3
Dutch Lutz (Washington) f	11	17	16	20	50	4.5
Bob Fitzgerald (Creighton) g	11	21	6	17	48	4.4
Howard Crow (Tulsa) g-f	11	18	10	16	46	4.2
Marshall Kittleson (Creighton) f	12	21	4	14	46	3.8
Charley McCarthy (St. Louis) f-c	12	18	9	39	45	3.8
Don Bandle (St. Louis) g	12	18	6	20	42	3.5
Harvey Slade (Oklahoma A. & M.) f	10	18	4	4	40	4.0
Don Fleming (Creighton) g-f	12	13	7	13	33	2.8
Jack Donalson (Tulsa) g	12	11	11	25	33	2.8
Wally MacLean (Washington) f	11	11	9	15	31	2.8
Steve Brady (St. Louis) f-g	12	15	1	13	31	2.6
John Guzevich (Washington) f-g	10	13	4	7	30	3.0
Dale Awtry (Drake) f	11	12	4	11	28	2.5
Jim McDevitt (St. Louis) f	3	9	9	4	27	9.0
Buddy Calloway (Washington) f-g	10	11	5	5	27	2.7
Jack Hopkins (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	11	10	6	12	26	2.4

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	G	FG	FT	PF	TP	AVE.
Bud Schwenk (Washington) g	12	8	10	27	26	2.2
Bud Millikan (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	10	11	3	6	25	2.5
Jack Brown (Tulsa) g	12	11	3	3	25	2.1
Buzz Beasley (Drake) g-f	12	10	2	8	22	1.8
Don Dougherty (Washburn) f	12	8	6	5	22	1.8
Ray Steitz (St. Louis) f	12	7	8	23	22	1.8
Ted Huey (Washington) g	10	7	6	9	20	2.0
Howard Francis (Oklahoma A. & M.) c	11	8	4	15	20	1.8
Jim Cables (Washburn) f	11	7	6	11	20	1.8
Jack Warner (Washington) f	9	7	5	18	19	3.2
Gene Barry (St. Louis) g-f	12	6	6	6	18	1.5
Bill Cullen (Drake) f-g	10	7	3	5	17	1.7
Erwin Briehan (Washington) c-g	11	4	9	17	17	1.5
Ken Gibson (Tulsa) c	5	6	4	10	16	3.2
Paul Marks (Tulsa) c-f	12	1	14	20	16	1.3
Dennis Payne (Washburn) c	7	5	5	5	15	2.1
Russ Schoenback (Washington) f	8	4	7	9	15	1.9
Beryl Carlew (St. Louis) g	10	4	5	11	13	1.3
Frank Tenney (Tulsa) c	11	5	3	7	13	1.2
Vern Schwertfeger (Oklahoma A. & M.) c	12	6	1	18	13	1.1
Harold Goldberg (Washington) f-g	6	5	2	5	12	2.0
Dick Brooks (St. Louis) c-g	10	4	4	11	12	1.2
Norman Englebretson (Creighton) f-g	11	4	2	3	10	.9
Ira Sparks (Tulsa) c	4	3	3	8	9	2.3
Lowell Baal (Drake) f-g	5	4	1	4	9	1.8
Leo Seib (Creighton) f	11	3	1	8	7	.6
Ray Wero (Drake) f	6	3	0	3	6	1.0
Bill King (Tulsa) f-g	12	2	2	8	6	.5
Dick Kinsella (St. Louis) g	6	2	1	0	5	.8
Leroy Floyd (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	10	2	1	3	5	.5
Harvey Pate (Oklahoma A. & M.) f	5	2	0	2	4	.8
Erskine Money (Washburn) g-c	6	2	0	2	4	.7
Bob Blackburn (Drake) f	3	0	1	1	1	.3
Ralph Clovis (Oklahoma A. & M.) g	4	0	1	1	1	.3
Dale Milbourn (Drake) f	7	0	1	0	1	.2

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MISSOURI VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Year	Teams	Won	Lost	Percent
1908	Kansas	7	2	.778
1909	Kansas	10	2	.833
1910	Kansas	13	1	.929
1911	Kansas	10	2	.833
1912	Kansas and Nebraska	10	2	.833
1913	Nebraska	10	5	.667
1914	Kansas	13	1	.929
1915	Kansas	13	1	.929
1916	Nebraska	8	0	1.000
1917	Kansas State	10	2	.833
1918	Missouri	15	1	.919
1919	Kansas State	10	0	1.000
1920	Missouri	17	1	.944
1921	Missouri	17	1	.944
1922	Missouri, Kansas	15	1	.938
1923	Kansas	16	0	1.000
1924	Kansas	15	1	.938
1925	Kansas	15	1	.938
1926	Kansas	16	2	.889
1927	Kansas	10	2	.833
1928	Oklahoma	18	0	1.000
1929	Washington	7	0	1.000
1930	Creighton, Washington	6	2	.750
1931	Creighton, Washington and Oklahoma A. & M.	5	3	.625
1932	Creighton	8	0	1.000
1933	Butler	9	1	.900
1934	Butler	9	1	.900
1935	Drake, Creighton	8	4	.667
1936	Drake, Creighton and Oklahoma A. & M.	8	4	.667
1937	Oklahoma A. & M.	11	1	.916
1938	Oklahoma A. & M.	13	1	.929
1939	Oklahoma A. & M., Drake	11	3	.786
1940	Oklahoma A. & M.	12	0	1.000

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INDIVIDUAL SCORING RECORDS

TOTAL POINTS

	G	FG	FT	T.P.	AVE.
1920--G. P. Scott (Missouri)	18	68	137	273	15.2
1921--George Williams (Missouri)	18	76	159	311	17.3
1922--George Rody (Kansas)	16	64	116	244	15.3
1923--Browning (Missouri)	16	82	73	237	14.8
1924--Fred Benz (Grinnell)	16	38	76	152	9.5
1925--Tustan Ackerman (Kansas)	16	59	48	166	10.4
1926--Albert Peterson (Kansas)	18	74	14	162	9.0
1927--Albert Peterson (Kansas)	12	53	20	126	10.5
1928--Vic Holt (Oklahoma)	18	90	44	224	12.4
1929--Moose Meyer (Washington)	7	**45**	**24**	**114**	**16.3**
1930--Moose Meyer (Washington)	8	36	18	90	11.3
1931--Maurice Van Ackeren (Creighton)	8	31	10	72	9.0
1932--Willard Schmidt (Creighton)	8	35	11	81	10.1
1933--Conrad Collin (Creighton)	10	50	14	114	11.4
1934--Emil Engelbretson (Creighton)	**10**	**35**	**18**	**88**	8.8
1935--Roy Martintoni (Washington)	12	41	33	115	9.6
1936--Emil Engelbretson (Creighton)	12	**42**	**43**	**129**	10.8
1937--Dick Shaw (Creighton)	12	51	31	133	11.1
1938--Dick Shaw (Creighton)	14	56	35	147	10.5
1939--Carl Roh (Creighton)	14	70	20	160	11.4
1940--Ned Swan (Drake)	11	47	23	117	10.6

FIELD GOALS

1920--H. H. Hurd (Washington)	89
1921--George Williams (Missouri)	76
1922--George Rody (Kansas)	64
1923--Browning (Missouri)	82
1924--Floyd McBride (Oklahoma)	60
1925--Bunker (Kansas State)	67
1926--Albert Peterson (Kansas)	74
1927--Byers (Kansas State)	55
1928--Ab Wright (Oklahoma A. & M.)	97
1929--Moose Meyer (Washington)	45
1930--Moose Meyer (Washington)	36
1931--Maurice Van Ackeren (Creighton)	31
1932--Willard Schmidt (Creighton)	35
1933--Conrad Collin (Creighton)	50
1934--Jack Lomax (Creighton)	36
1935--Dick Mason (Grinnell)	43
1936--Emil Engelbretson (Creighton)	42

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FREE THROWS

*1920--G. P. Scott (Missouri)..... 137
*1921--George Williams (Missouri)..... 159
*1922--George Rody (Kansas)..... 116
*1923--Pinkey Greene (Iowa State)..... 105
1924--Fred Benz (Grinnell)..... 76
1925--Tustan Ackerman (Kansas)..... 48
1926--Schmidt (Kansas)..... 37
1927--Bruce Drake (Oklahoma)..... 31
1928--Barney Myers (Drake)..... 59
1929--Moose Meyer (Washington)..... 24
1930--Moose Meyer (Washington)..... 18
1931--Maurice Van Ackeren (Creighton) and Clarence Highfill (Okla. A. & M.)..... 10
1932--Willard Schmidt (Creighton)..... 35
1933--Cy Proffitt (Butler)..... 25
1934--Willard Schmidt (Creighton)..... 23
1935--Emil Engelbretson (Creighton)... 41
1936--Emil Engelbretson (Creighton)... 43
1937--Dick Shaw (Creighton)..... 31
1938--Lee Brown (Washburn)..... 45
1939--Fred Luther (Grinnell)..... 42
1940--Desmond Lee (Washington)..... 34

*Years when one player could shoot all of a team's free throws.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

Best Offensive Average--44.5 points, by Creighton, 1937.

Best Defensive Average--21.7 points, by Washington, 1929.

Most Points in Single Game--79, by Creighton, 1933, against Drake, and by Creighton, 1937, against Washington.

Fewest Points in Single Game--10, by Oklahoma A. & M., 1930, against Grinnell. Grinnell scored 19 points.

Most points scored by individual in one game--30, by Conrad Collin of Creighton against Drake in 1933; 29, by Harley Wilhelm of Drake against Washington in 1923.

Largest Crowd--8,000 at St. Louis, Mo., 1925, Kansas vs. Washington.

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Kansas University,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Phog:

Thank you for your letter of May 1 concerning recognition of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball in the Guide. This gives me just the information I need as to what our attitude ought to be toward this group.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Tower.

May 15, 1940.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

We have not, as yet, received the gloss of the Oklahoma basketball squad for the Official Guide. Will you kindly see that it is sent forward in the very near future?

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

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April 26, 1940

Kansas University
Lawrence
Kansas

Attention Basketball Coach

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate receving a picture as well as full descriptive matter of your Basketball Team. These we will use in our 1940 edition of our Basketball Guide.

Will you kindly send these into us at your earliest convenience so that they in turn might be forwarded on to our printer to be incorporated in this Guide.

Yours very truly,

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April 3, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kas.

Dear Phog,

I am enclosing publicity material on the Kansas Central Conference requested for the Basketball Guide.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

Kenny.
Kenneth Simons.

The Topeka State Journal

Topeka, Kansas
May 1,1940

Dr.Forrest C.Allen,
K.U. Athletic department,
Lawrence,Kansas.

Dear Dr.Allen:

I have your letter regarding summary and review of the Kansas conference basketball race, and will try to get that to you within a week or ten days.Right now I'm in the middle of a baseball opening, but assume I shall have time to get it done next week.

Thanks, and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Carlos E.Hobbs
Sports Editor

CEH/mm

May 6, 1940.

Mr. Harold Keith,
Director of Sports Publicity,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Harold:

Congratulations on your becoming an editor. I'll bet a dollar and a half it is a classy job of editing, whatever the subject may be.

I dislike very much to burden you with this review for Spalding's Guide, but this letter that you write shows me that you are always wanting to present something new and nifty, rather than presenting it in the old way. And for that reason we like to have you help us out on these things.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Keith and your family.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

May 2, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Basketball coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Coach:

Thank you very much for asking me to write the Big Six basketball review for Spalding's guide. This is an honor and I appreciate it very much.

I may be a shade late since, confidentally, I am finishing up a book against a July 1 deadline and it is taking all my night and Sundays. However, I should be very glad to handle it anyhow. I enjoy writing basketball and it will be a pleasure.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold Keith

Harold Keith,
Director Sports Publicity

HK:djk

June 1, 1940.

Mr. Artie Eilers,
Washington University,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Artie:

Yes, Leighton Housh has sent to me the Missouri Valley Conference material to be used in the Basketball Guide, and I would appreciate it if you would send me the squad pictures that you have assembled. In that way I will be able to send complete data for each school.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation, and with all good wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Drake University
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Address
Washington University
Saint Louis, Missouri

May 28, 1940

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Has Laighton Housh sent you the material for the Missouri Valley Conference to be used in the Basketball guide? I have collected all the squad pictures of all teams in our Conference. Do you want me to forward them to you or to John Doyle, American Sports Publishing Co.? yes

Kind personal regards,

A. E. Eilers
Executive Secretary

AEE/vb

Lawrence, Kansas
May 1, 1940.

Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

On April 13th "Ole" wrote you about recognizing the tournament which was held in Kansas City under the title of "National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball". I quite agree with him that there is no reason for keeping a record of their tournament out of the Guide, but I see no reason for giving them a big play because there is no such name as "National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball" from a faculty standpoint. All intercollegiate organizations that have any standing do have a faculty committee that really makes these arrangements for organizations.

In other words, it must be faculty controlled, and this one is not. The fact that they are playing as closely as they can on the National Collegiate name and the fact that they are very aggressive against our set-up would cause me to deal with this organization with a degree of caution.

Of course, we advertised our tournament as "the world series of basketball", but I do not believe it was called that by the sports writers. They called them the "little tournament" and the "big tournament", but in the minds of a great many people there is still great confusion over these two names. It is my opinion that the small college tournament would be much better than the "Liston" tournament, and then of course incidentally work Liston's name into it. I agree that back page stuff would be the best for it.

It seems to me that I overheard a conversation between you and "Ole" regarding the sport writers tournament in New York, or whatever they might call it. I think we want to make our tournament

very prominent, and run these others in a less conspicuous place. Certainly with Nat Holman taking the Coaches Association to New York at a time when the sport writers tournament is put on would only make this publicity for them an added attraction. So why play them up at our expense?

Very cordially yours,

FCA:AH Vice Chairman, National Basketball Committee.

cc-H. C. Olsen

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

April 13, 1940

Mr. Oswald Tower
Editor, Basketball Guide
Andover, Mass.

Dear Oswald:

With respect to recognizing the tournament which is held in Kansas City under the title "The National Association of Inter-collegiate Basketball", I see no reason for keeping a record of their tournament out of the Guide. It is true that they have to a certain extent been attempting to trade on the name "National Collegiate" and that such procedure on their part has caused some confusion in the minds of basketball followers, but still I think as a result of the N.C.A.A. Tournament experience this year and the way it was handled in the public press, especially at Kansas City, that the distinction is now more clear than it was a year ago. In other words, the papers in Kansas City referred generally to this "Liston" tournament as the tournament for smaller colleges and they very definitely gave recognition to the N.C.A.A. Tournament as the championship tournament (the world series of basketball).

Since this situation obtains I believe it is the part of wisdom for us to include in the Guide a write-up about the "Liston" tournament. I don't feel, however, it needs to be given any great prominence. In fact, I think I would go a little bit the other way and make it rather definitely "back page" stuff. This is my reaction with respect to your query. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Allen who is more familiar with the situation than anyone else. Should he care to comment, I am sure you will hear from him.

Very sincerely yours,

HGO

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

HGO:M

CC-Dr. Forrest C. Allen