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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 out 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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