

May 18, 1939.

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

Dear Harold:

I am just leaving for Sabetha, Kansas, and for Ames, Iowa, but will take time to answer the questions in your letter of the 17th instant so that you can begin writing the material for the Guide. Thank you very much for undertaking this job. I know you will do well with it.

We had no especially tall men to offset the tall men of the opposition. Our greatest handicap was losing Fred Pralle and Sylvester Schmidt. Pralle was a great high-scoring guard and good rebound man. Our team was largely composed of sophomores. I will not mention the debacle regarding Golay tripping on his training program.

The offensive system was the system that I have always used, the revolving triangle with a pivot, pass back and hook diagonally forward - a system that I have used for a great many years. The defensive system is very simple, the stratified transitional man for man defense with the zone principle.

This year we lose Corlis (by graduation), our high-scoring man, and also Golay, who was not a regular.

We have no big tall men in our prospective material. Considering Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State it looks like we will have to use some Alpine mezzanine peeping goons to match the opposition. We drew no outstanding sophomore material, but as most of our standbys last year were sophomores we should make the race interesting. The sophomores we depended on are Engleman, Miller, Allen, Veran and Sands.

I won't even get one handkerchief for a snuffle on this report, but that is the truth. But a year from now when Oklahoma and Missouri lose a bevy of salubrities and celebrities, we will have a chance.



Our games were played in Hoch Auditorium (University of Kansas Basketball Palestra), which will pack in nearly 5,000 people, but not seat them. This year the Oklahoma game had the largest attendance, nearly 5,000. In 1929 at the Missouri game we had about the same attendance.

Corlis and Engleman were our outstanding players.

I am trying to locate a 1938-39 Basketball Guide for you, and will send it along in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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The University of Oklahoma  
Norman, Oklahoma

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

May 17, 1939

Dear Coach:

I shall be glad to undertake the basket-  
ball review. I am writing each of the  
coaches and enclosing postage for air  
mail replies. However since most of them,  
including yourself, may be at Ames, I  
may not be able to start until early  
next week. Incidentally, please send  
me by return mail the following material  
about your own team:

1. What were your problems and handicaps  
this past season and how were you able to  
dispose of them?
2. What offensive system or systems did  
you use, and also what defensive systems?
3. What regulars do you lose from any cause?
4. How does your sophomore material stack up  
for next year and please name a few of your  
outstanding sophs, preferably those who look  
like they will make the squad. (one dozen dry  
handkerchiefs will be given the coach making  
the most optimistic report).
5. What is the name of the building in which  
you play your games, its capacity, largest  
attendance of all time (what game and year)  
and how many years have you played in it?
6. Are you getting a new place to play this  
coming year, or is your seating capacity being  
increased?
7. Who was your outstanding player or players?  
I shan't quote you.
8. Anything else that occurs to you.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

*Harold Keith*  
Harold Keith

*PS - please send  
1938-9  
me your guide, I  
can't find Bruce's.*

*PS? - does somebody  
there have the list of  
leading scorers?*



June 6, 1939.

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

Dear Harold:

Your article was a dandy and I want to thank you so much for it.

You will notice that I have changed the first paragraph somewhat. This is due to the fact that the National Basketball Rules Committee does not want to ballyhoo the so-called National Intercollegiate tournament because it does not have the blessing of the rules body for the reason that the sponsors of this tournament say that the National Collegiate has no right to adopt the one-year rule. I am telling you this in confidence, because they are fighting the N.C.A.A.

Neither do they want to boost the A. A. U. or the Sport Writer's Tournament in New York City. Ned Irish, et al., are making money off of the N.C.A.A. teams and the group is keeping the larger share of it.

I have had a copy made of the material that you sent and I have made only a few changes in the first paragraph, as I have explained. I am also sending back to you the original copy of the statistics, which you requested, as we made extra copies of all this material to send on to the Guide.

I want to tell you that you did a marvelous job and I think your portrayal is excellent. It was swell of you to do this for the conference, and I think that you paid each coach a great tribute. The only way that I can reciprocate for your kindness is to get hold of that tense and over-wrought spinal column of yours and loosen it up a bit.

Really, Harold, you need a trainer to make a young man out of you. Too many hours over that typewriter and too much running or golf, or whatever it is, I feel has so tightened up those intercostal muscles of the back that you are not getting the enjoyment out of life that you should. Please do not think that I believe you to be an old man,



but I am convinced that you have a lot of muscular rheumatism in those erector spinae muscles - or maybe it is the sacro-spinalis - or the longissimus dorsi. Anyhow, fellow, I would like to loosen up those for you some time.

Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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June 16, 1939.

Mr. A. E. Eilers,  
Washington University,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Artie:

I am sorry that we have delayed acknowledgment of the Missouri Valley pictures for the Basketball Guide. They were received in good order, and I thank you for your kindly cooperation.

Leighton Housh sent the material for the article on the Missouri Valley basketball race, and we have forwarded both the pictures and the write-up to the editor of the Guide.

If you come through Lawrence next week I hope to see you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

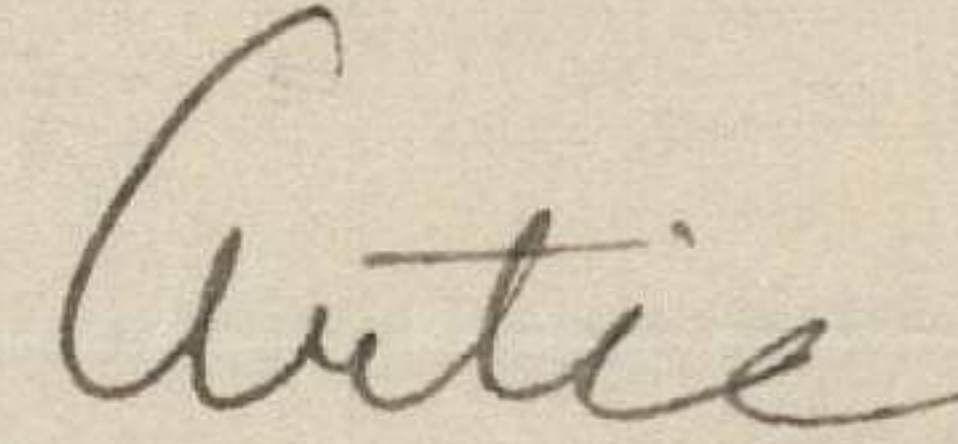
Dear Phog:-

I never did receive a confirmation of the squad pictures you received from our Conference. Has Leighton Housch sent you the material for the write-up?

I may be passing through Lawrence on my way to Colorado. However, I will be in Springfield next week which routing will not permit me to come to Lawrence.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,



A. E. Eilers  
Executive Secretary

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June 15, 1939.

Mr. John Doyle,  
American Sports Publishing Co.,  
115 Fulton Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

Oswald Tower called my attention to the fact that the article on the Big Six Conference for the Guide was not signed. This article was written by Mr. Harold Keith, of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, and he should be given credit for it.

Mr. Keith has asked that he be allowed to see the final proof of all the material on the Big Six. It has always been his policy to personally check type or page proofs of everything that goes out over his name, and he makes this request in regard to the material for the Guide

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



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Dear Phog:

Thank you for the material from your district.  
The article on the Big Six was not signed but I am  
assuming that it should appear in the Guide over your  
name. If this is incorrect, please notify John Doyle.

With best wishes for a good summer, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Tower.



June 15, 1939.

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

Dear Os:

The material for the Big Six Conference for the Guide was written by Mr. Harold Keith, Publicity Director for the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. I am so notifying John Doyle. Thank you for calling my attention to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Coach--don't let all this length scare you. It will reduce down surprisingly in that agate type the guide uses. Besides I think our league deserves more space, don't you? I was just counting the number of pages they gave the Eastern Intercollegiate loop--17 pages, and I'll bet those babies aren't any hotter than anybody else. Sorry I'm a bit late but I just heard from all the coaches. Please let me see a proof, if they do it that way, and I'd like to have my statistics copy back after they've finished, if that is possible, so I can file it. I didn't make carbons. I am returning your guide. Thanks very much. Glad to be able to help out.

Sincerely,

Harold Keith.



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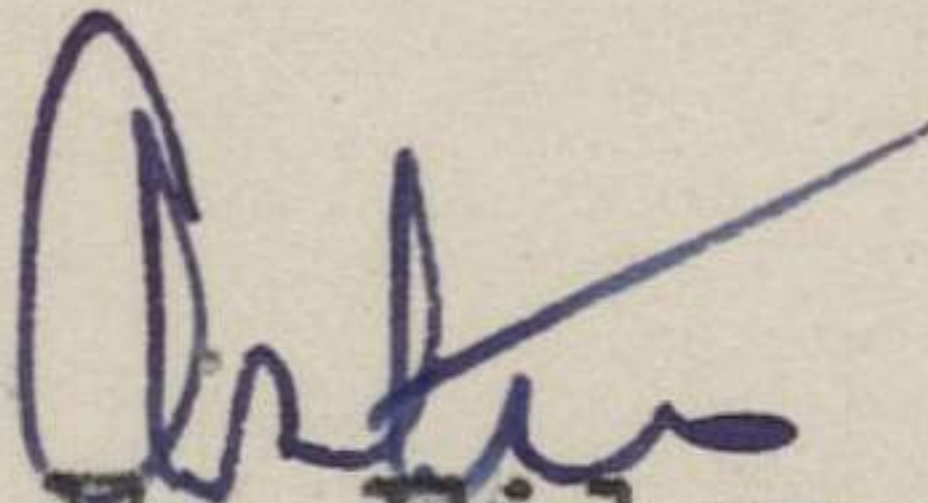
Dear "Phog":-

Enclosed are the basketball squad pictures from our Conference for the following institutions: Creighton University, Drake University, Grinnell College, Tulsa University, Washburn College, Washington University, Oklahoma A & M College, and St. Louis University.

I am sure that Leighton Housh has mailed you the printed material from our Conference for the Guide. This, as I see it, completes the material you want from the Missouri Valley Conference.

I may see you driving west to Colorado this summer. It will be sometime after the middle of June.

With kind personal regards

  
A. E. Eilers  
Executive Secretary

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## BIG SIX CONFERENCE

The Big Six Conference territory comes close to being the cradle of basketball in the whole nation. Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game, teaches at the University of Kansas. Next year on March 22-23, 1940, the regional National Collegiate Athletic Association semi-finals, comprising the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth districts, including a series of double-headers will be played in Kansas City's spacious new Municipal Auditorium. So will the N.C.A.A. finals between the winners of the eastern first, second, third and fourth districts and the western fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth districts on March 30. Meeting at the same time will be the National Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada, on March 30, 31, April 1. This occasion will be the first time in history of basketball that the National Rules Body has met west of Chicago. The meetings are generally held in New York City. Climaxing this extraordinary two weeks of basketball in Kansas City will be the convention of the National Basketball Coaches Association. The outstanding coaches of the nation will meet on March 29 and 30, and will be guests at the games. Dr. James Naismith, a life member of the National Basketball Rules Committee and also of the National Basketball Coaches Association, will be present at both sets of games to award the trophies to the winning teams.

The N.C.A.A. 1939 WESTERN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT--Defeating Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies, Missouri Valley champions, 30 to 21 on a neutral court in Oklahoma City March 14, Coach Bruce Drake's Oklahoma Sooners won the right to represent the Big Six conference in the N.C.A.A. Western Regional tourney played on Treasure Island at San Francisco in the heart of the World's Fair there one week later. Missouri, the other Big Six co-champion, had declined an invitation to the Fifth district tournament.

Oklahoma won her semi-final game at San Francisco against Utah State, Rocky Mountain conference runners-up, 50 to 39, with Guard Marvin Snodgrass holding Delmar "Bus" Bingham, Rocky Mountain scoring champion, to one field goal. However in the finals the Oklahomans' clever ball-handling was no match for the tremendous



height of Oregon's senior team which prevailed, 55 to 37. Oregon then went on to Chicago and trounced Ohio State's Big Ten champions by almost as large a score to win the first National Collegiate championship. Jimmy McNatt and Herb Scheffler of the Sooners were named with three giant Oregonians on the All-Western regional team at San Francisco.

**SCORING INCREASE**--There was more scoring in the Big Six conference this season than ever before. In 1937 the scoring average was 34.8 points per game. With elimination of the center jump, it climbed to 40.3 points per game in 1938. This year the league average was 41.9 points, the increase being due principally to elimination of the three-circle rule on held balls, the addition of two feet of playing space to the length of the court, and to looser defensive play.

#### THE 1939 BIG CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

In a season made singular by the inability of any club to win consistently on the road, Missouri and Oklahoma, with teams composed chiefly of juniors who will be back next campaign, tied for the Big Six conference championship of 1939.

Unique in the eleven-year old history of the league was the road hoodoo of 1939. In 20 of the first 21 Big Six championship games the home team always won. Four of the six teams, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa State ended the 1939 season all-victorious in conference play on their home courts. In only five of the 30 contests that comprised the year's conference total was the host quintet defeated.

The first third of the championship race saw Iowa State and Missouri, playing largely on their home floors, out in front. These fast-traveling clubs crossed each others paths early, Missouri drubbing the Cyclones 56 to 35 at Columbia January 9 only to have Iowa State drive fiercely to win 51-45 at Ames three weeks later, a 27-point inconsistency that was typical of the cockeyed motif of the race due to the commanding superiority of the home team. The first nine games saw the home club winning without exception. Then in the tenth Doctor Allen's



Kansas Jayhawkers wrested a narrow 40-38 victory from Kansas State on the latter team's court. Then eleven more consecutive games were played in which the visiting club always lost.

Oklahoma, tutored by youthful Bruce Drake, former Sooner court great, in his first year of coaching, came nearest snapping the jinx in her first meeting with Missouri, the club with which she is destined to share the championship. Playing on the Missouri floor January 14 before the largest Tiger crowd of all time, Oklahoma had coolly and competently built a lead of 18 to 5 when her regulars were withdrawn for second teamers three minutes before the first half ended. Missouri quickly scored five points against the Sooner subs. However the Oklahoma regulars returned in the second half and led 28 to 17 with only nine minutes of the game remaining. Here the cleaner guarding of the Missourians decided the issue. The Sooners lost Herb Scheffler, big center, and Forward Garnett Corbin on personal fouls and the Tigers, increasing the pressure beautifully, were even with Oklahoma 31 to 31 at the gun. The Sooners scored first in the extra period but Missouri then hit three field goals, the last two by Little Bill Harvey, to win 37 to 33. Significant in the box score was the fact Missouri committed only seven fouls and lost no players during the frenzied milling. Oklahoma made 14 fouls, twice as many, and lost two of her best players when she needed them most.

Then Oklahoma encountered a string of games on her home court and quickly overhauled the leaders. The Sooners licked Nebraska 56 to 39 with Guard Marvin Mesch setting up goal after goal with gifted passing. They nosed Kansas State 37 to 35 on an extra period basket by Mesch, defeated Iowa State 60 to 41 with Forward Jimmy McNatt setting a new Big Six individual record of 29 points for one game, and on February 11 again faced Missouri, eager to avenge the extra-period defeat at Columbia.

But on the Oklahoma court, Missouri was the front runner. The gold-shirted Tigers were superb in the first half, leading 20 to 7 at one point with



Guard Hal Halstead canning five zooming long goals, four from near the center circle. Then Oklahoma became the rallying team. With the surging speed for which they are noted, the white-shirted Sooners scudded down the floor like speed boats on rough water, lurching and bobbing crazily but holding their balance and achieving field goal after field goal despite their terrific pace. They quickly caught up and passed Missouri, 29 to 28, and in five more minutes had shot into a lead of 39 to 29. Here the Tigers, who are never licked, rallied and pulled up 40-43 at the bell.

Meanwhile Doctor Allen's Kansas team grimly began to move up on the leaders. Cashing in on home games, Kansas nosed Nebraska 49-46 and beat Iowa State 46-37 at Lawrence and in a third game there knocked Oklahoma out of the league leadership and themselves tied Missouri for it by flogging the Sooners 59 to 45. Howard Engleman, Kansas sophomore forward, scored 27 points in this game.

It was not until February 18 that the home court jinx was convincingly conquered. On that date Missouri beat Nebraska at Lincoln 46 to 36 and one night later trimmed Kansas State at Manhattan, 39 to 29. The Tigers then repeated against Kansas State at Columbia, 46 to 37. That set the stage for the final Missouri-Kansas game at Columbia March 2. Each team had won six and lost three. The winner was assured of a tie for the championship and would win the title outright if Oklahoma lost either of its remaining games, both of them on the road.

Missouri surprised the midlands by ruthlessly belting Kansas out of the running, 54 to 30. Coach George Edwards' driving Tigers swirled into leads of 29-11, 36-16 and 49-19. Missouri was white hot and keyed high and in spite of her vast lead kept attacking relentlessly clear up until the middle of the last half.

Then all eyes were on Oklahoma. Could the Sooners, who hadn't won a single conference road game, take Nebraska and Kansas State on the latter teams'



courts? They could. With Scheffler and Marvin Snodgrass, crack defensive players who were out of the Iowa State and Kansas games with ankle injuries, back in harness, Oklahoma beat Nebraska at Lincoln 53 to 45 and Kansas State at Manhattan 50 to 38 to tie Missouri for the crown and establish a new Big Six scoring record of 46.2 points per game.

MISSOURI--In spite of the loss from scholastic failure of Captain-elect Kenneth Brown, strategist and outstanding rebound man, affable George Edwards, Tiger coach, was able to steer a fine Missouri team to the first Missouri title since 1930. On offense Missouri used straight screens with three in and two out, seldom fast-breaking. Their defense was man-for-man and they guarded cleanly, making 25 fewer fouls than any other team in the league. Guard John Lobsinger was probably the outstanding player although Forward Harlan Keirse's hustling, passing and scoring through the last half of the race was noticeable. The Tigers roared down the stretch like thoroughbreds, clicking so well that they won their last four games and looked unbeatable in the finale against Kansas.

OKLAHOMA--Coach Bruce Drake's difficulty at Oklahoma was throttling the Sooners down from the terrifically speedy fast break taught by the popular retiring coach, Hugh McDermott, to an offense that didn't gamble quite so much on speed and employed more set plays. Before they began to learn it the Sooners lost six of their first nine games, but rallied to take nine of the last twelve. On defense Oklahoma used a combination floating style and at times the stratified transitional man-for-man with the zone principle employed so effectively by Dr. Allen of Kansas. Graceful Jimmy McNatt was the team's offensive standout and blond Marvin Snodgrass its defensive leech. Oklahoma began the season by splitting two games with Colorado's Rocky Mountain conference champions at Boulder, Colo. The Sooner victory by 33-29 in the second game was Colorado's first defeat of all time in its



new three-year old fieldhouse.

KANSAS--For the second time in nine years Kansas failed to win or tie for the championship. At that the Jayhawkers may have missed it by only a wrenched knee, the football-injured knee of Ralph Miller, gangling black-haired sophomore and outstanding Jayhawker cage prospect of recent years. Miller's knee kept popping out of place in the heat of battle, causing his withdrawal. The Kansas attack was the one Doctor Allen has always used, his revolving triangle with a pivot, pass back and hook diagonally forward. His defense was his traditional stratified transitional man-for-man with the zone principle which is usually as hard to penetrate as it is to write. Graduation of the great Fred Pralle and of Sylvester Schmidt, canny court director of the 1938 team, and lack of what Doctor Allen calls "Alpine mezzanine peeping goons" to offset the tall men of the opposition, were handicaps. Corlis and Engleman were outstanding.

IOWA STATE--The Cyclones couldn't win on the road. Built around two sophomores, Bob Harris, red-headed forward, and Gordon Nicholas, center, Coach Louis Menze's team climbed from a cellar position last year to a .500 rating this season and thrashed every club in the league on their home court at Ames, but couldn't get going on foreign floors. The team was well-coached and knew how to draw and make free throws, hitting 121 in conference play. Against Nebraska at Lincoln, Iowa State phenominally bottled 20 of 22 free throws, yet lost. The Cardinal and Gold offensive vogue was a delayed attack with an occasional fast break, the defense man-for-man with restricted shifting. Harris was the standout with Nicholas and scrappy Bob Menze, diminutive be-spectacled son of the coach, close.

NEBRASKA--Co-champions in 1937 and tied for third last year, Nebraska finished fifth this season. Football injuries deprived Coach Harold Browne of some varsity players and two crack sophomores became scholastically ineligible. Poor free throwing hurt, although the Cornhuskers ranked third in number of field



goals. Coach Browne used a fast break whenever possible, varying it with a five-man interchanging of position attack when the enemy defense was set. The defense was mainly man-for-man with the Scarlet forwards well up on the foe ball-handlers. Outstanding players were Guard Don Fitz, Center Al Randall and Guard Alton Werner.

KANSAS STATE--Coach Frank Root of Kansas State again developed the league's leading scorer in Center Homer Wesche but the Wildcat team lacked reserves and had only two regulars who could score, Wesche and Ervin Reid, and the other teams soon found this out. At that Kansas State was the second toughest defensive club in the league, ranked second in free throws, narrowly missed beating Kansas on the Jayhawk floor and gave Oklahoma the fright of its life before succumbing by two points in an overtime game at Norman. Root used a fast break of if the foe defense was set, a three out and two in attack that used breaks to feint the defense into an opening. Although Kansas State has 1,500 male students, its 28-year old basketball court is small and also inaccessible because of a heavy schedule of intramural and social events. Wesche and Kramer were the outstanding players.



FINAL STANDING OF TEAMS - 1939

	Won	Lost	Pct.	FG.	FT.	PF.	Opp. FG.	Opp. FT.	Opp. PF.	Pts.	Opp. Pts.	Av.	Opp. Av.	Margin
Missouri(tie)	7	3	.700	179	92	102	153	66	123	450	372	45.0	37.2	p 7.8
Oklahoma(tie)	7	3	.700	185	92	142	154	108	127	462	416	46.2	41.6	p 4.6
Kansas	6	4	.600	153	93	127	163	87	132	399	413	39.9	41.3	m 1.4
Iowa State	5	5	.500	153	121	138	167	111	142	427	445	42.7	44.5	m 1.8
Nebraska	3	7	.300	167	80	140	174	109	121	414	457	41.4	45.7	m 4.3
Kansas State	2	8	.200	132	99	127	158	96	120	363	412	36.3	41.2	m 4.9

INDIVIDUAL SCORING - 1939

	G	FG	FT	PF	Pts.	Av.
Wesche, Kansas State, c	10	52	47	29	161	15.10
McNatt, Oklahoma, f	10	57	13	20	130	13.00
Harris, Iowa State, f	10	41	43	16	125	12.50
Nicholas, Iowa State, c	9	38	35	20	111	12.33
Corbin, Oklahoma	10	49	12	20	110	11.00
Engleman, Kansas, f	10	36	21	11	93	9.30
Reid, Kansas State, f	10	36	15	18	87	8.70
Kovanda, Nebraska, f	10	35	17	26	87	8.70
Mesch, Oklahoma, g	9	25	26	26	76	8.40
Werner, Nebraska, g	10	35	10	19	80	8.00

ALL BIG SIX TEAMS - 1939  
(by the Associated Press)

FIRST TEAM

Jimmy McNatt, Oklahoma	f
Bob Harris, Iowa State	f
Homer Wesche, Kansas State	c
John Lobsinger, Missouri	g
Lyman Corlis, Kansas	g

SECOND TEAM

Harlan Keirse, Missouri
Howard Engleman, Kansas
Gordon Nicholas, Iowa State
Marvin Mesch, Oklahoma
Alton Werner, Nebraska

HONORABLE MENTION: forwards--Ralph Miller, Kansas; Garnett Corbin, Oklahoma; Ervin Reid, Kansas State; William Kovanda, Nebraska; Center--Herbert Scheffler, Oklahoma. Guards--Hal Halstead, Missouri; Don Fitz, Nebraska; Robert Menze, Iowa State.



BIG SIX PROGRESSIVE SCORES - 1939

January

Jan. 7 Kansas 31 at Oklahoma 43.  
Jan. 7 Kansas State 36 at Iowa State 47.  
Jan. 9 Iowa State 35 at Missouri 56.  
Jan. 10 Kansas State 29 at Kansas 33.  
Jan. 14 Oklahoma 33 at Missouri 37 (extra period)  
Jan. 14 Kansas 37 at Nebraska 48.  
Jan. 16 Oklahoma 42 at Iowa State 51.  
Jan. 17 Nebraska 28 at Kansas State 43.  
Jan. 18 Missouri 32 at Kansas 37.  
Jan. 20 Kansas 40 at Kansas State 38.  
Jan. 21. Nebraska 41 at Missouri 54.  
Jan. 23 Kansas 37 at Iowa State 40.  
Jan. 28 Nebraska 39 at Oklahoma 56.  
Jan. 30 Iowa State 44 at Nebraska 51.

February

Feb. 4 Kansas State 35 at Oklahoma 37 (extra period)  
Feb. 4 Missouri 45 at Iowa State 51.  
Feb. 8 Kansas State 34 at Nebraska 42.  
Feb. 11 Missouri 40 at Oklahoma 43.  
Feb. 11 Iowa State 40 at Kansas State 44.  
Feb. 14 Nebraska 46 at Kansas 49.  
Feb. 18 Iowa State 41 at Oklahoma 60.  
Feb. 18 Missouri 46 at Nebraska 36.  
Feb. 20 Iowa State 37 at Kansas 46.  
Feb. 20 Missouri 39 at Kansas State 29.  
Feb. 25 Oklahoma 45 at Kansas 59.  
Feb. 25 Kansas State 37 at Missouri 46.  
Feb. 27 Nebraska 28 at Iowa State 41.

March

March 2 Kansas 30 at Missouri 54.  
March 4 Oklahoma 55 at Nebraska 45.  
March 6 Oklahoma 50 at Kansas State 38.

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**BIG SIX TEAM CHAMPIONS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Opp. Av.</u>	<u>Margin</u>	<u>Coach</u>
1929	Oklahoma	10	0	1.000	38.0	28.0	p 10.0	McDermott
1930	Missouri	8	2	.800	32.6	24.7	p 7.9	Edwards
1931	Kansas	7	3	.700	32.6	25.2	p 7.4	Allen
1932	Kansas	7	3	.700	31.6	26.4	p 5.2	Allen
1933	Kansas	8	2	.800	31.3	23.6	p 7.7	Allen
1934	Kansas	9	1	.900	29.1	23.5	p 5.6	Allen
1935	Iowa State	8	2	.800	32.2	27.4	p 4.8	Menze
1936	Kansas	10	0	1.000	42.2	26.8	p 15.4	Allen
1937	Nebraska -	8	2	.800	37.7	30.4	p 7.3	Browne
	Kansas (tie)	8	2	.800	35.2	27.0	p 8.2	Allen
1938	Kansas	9	1	.900	40.8	32.9	p 7.9	Allen
1939	Oklahoma -	7	3	.700	46.2	41.6	p 4.6	Drake
	Missouri(tie)	7	3	.700	45.0	37.2	p 7.8	Edwards

**BIG SIX STATISTICS**

<u>Offensive..</u>			<u>Defensive..</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Av..</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
1929	Oklahoma	38.0	Oklahoma	28.0
1930	Nebraska	35.9	Missouri	24.7
1931	Kansas	32.6	Missouri	24.4
1932	Kansas	31.6	Missouri	24.4
1933	Oklahoma	32.5	Kansas	23.6
1934	Oklahoma	38.1	Kansas	23.5
1935	Kansas	34.6	Iowa State	27.4
1936	Kansas	42.2	Kansas	26.8
1937	Kansas State	38.5	Kansas	27.0
1938	Oklahoma	45.6	Kansas	32.9
1939	Oklahoma	46.2	Missouri	37.2

**BIG SIX LEADING SCORES**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Av.</u>
1929	Churchill, Oklahoma	10	53	18	124	12.4
1930	Maclay, Nebraska	10	48	16	112	11.2
1931	Roadcap, Iowa State	10	47	5	99	9.9
1932	O'Leary, Kansas(tie)	10	44	22	110	11.0
	Cooper, Missouri(tie)	10	40	30	110	11.0
1933	Wagner, Missouri	10	45	24	114	11.4
1934	Ebling, Kansas	10	44	36	124	12.4
1935	Ebling, Kansas	16	67	54	188	11.7
1936	Ebling, Kansas	10	51	39	141	14.1
1937	Groves, Kansas State	10	64	26	154	15.4
1938	Pralle, Kansas	10	45	31	121	12.1
1939	Wesche, Kansas State	10	52	47	151	15.1



### BIG SIX BESTS

#### Team

Highest Score one game--68 by Oklahoma against Kansas State, 1934.  
Best offensive average one year--46.2 by Oklahoma, 1939.  
Best defensive average one year--23.5 by Kansas, 1934.  
Best margin between offense and defense--15.4 by Kansas, 1936.

#### Individual

Most points single game--29 by Jimmy McNatt, Oklahoma, against Iowa State 1939.  
Highest average one year--15.4 by Frank Groves, Kansas State 1937.  
Highest average three years--11.6 by Frank Groves, Kansas State, 1935-36-37.  
Highest field goal average one year--6.4 per game by Frank Groves, Kansas State 1937.  
Highest free throw average one year--5.8 per game by Jack Flemming, Iowa State 1937.

### BIG SIX PLAYING COURT STATISTICS

<u>School</u>	<u>Name of playing space</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Nebraska	University Coliseum	Lincoln	80,000	1931	8,000	1937	Kansas
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Fieldhouse	Norman	10,000	1928	6,343	1938	Okla. Aggies
Missouri	Brewer Fieldhouse	Columbia	17,000	1930	5,200	1939	Oklahoma
Kansas	Hoch Auditorium	Lawrence	14,500		5,000	1939	Oklahoma
Iowa State	State Gymnasium	Ames	10,500	1914	3,600	several times	
Kansas State	Nichols Gymnasium	Manhattan	11,000	1911	3,000	1919	Missouri



Lawrence, Kansas,  
June 5, 1939.

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

Dear Os:

I am finally sending herewith the photographs  
and publicity material from our district for the Guide.  
Some of it has been exceedingly slow coming in, hence  
the delay. I trust it will reach you in time, however,  
to go to the printer along with the rest of the material.

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.



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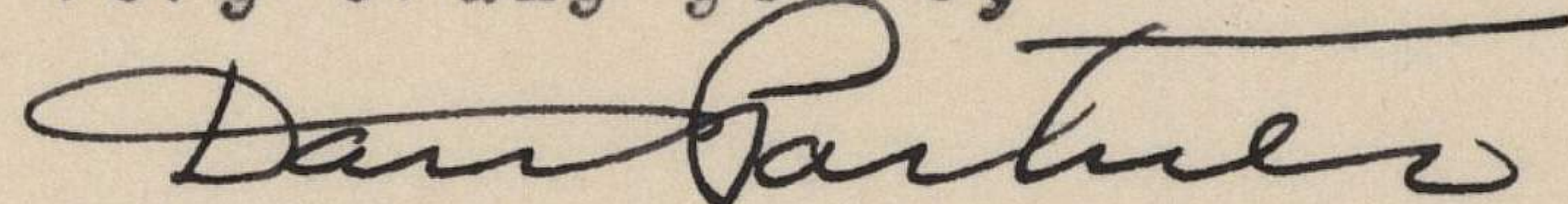
April 24, 1939

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

Your letter of April 18 to Coach Frank Root, has been referred to me. I regret to inform you that we have no group picture of the K-State basketball team available for the National Basketball Guide.

I attempted to get one last winter but failed to get all the players together at one time.

Very truly yours,



Dan Partner  
Director of Sports Publicity



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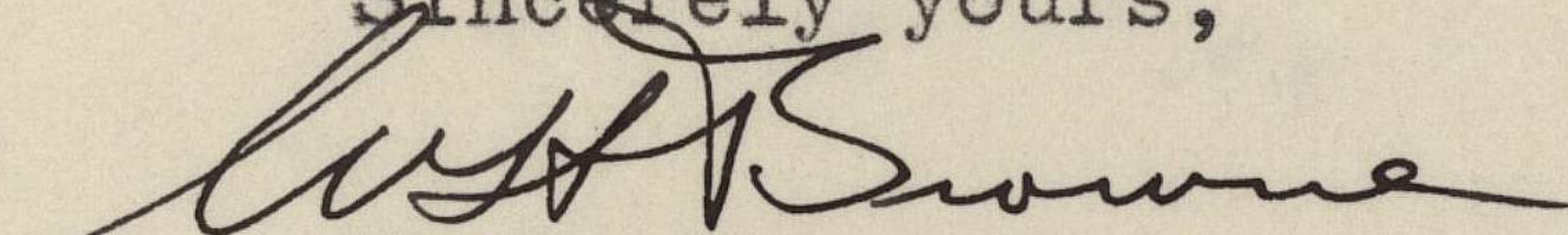
April 25, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Allen:

Under separate cover I am mailing you our 1938-39  
picture of the varsity basketball team, as per your request  
of April 20th.

Sincerely yours,



W. H. Browne  
Head Basketball Coach

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