

## 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