

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