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----Paging Sherlock Homnes, Perhaps the LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. master shouth can solve the mystery of how University of Kansas basketball players can be unbeatable at home and only half as good on the road.

Possessors of a 22 game winning streak on their home floor, the Jayhawks have been beaten three times in four games on foreign courts

this season.

Most amazing however is the record of the four seniors on the

During their three years of competition, they have won 18 games. squad. on the home court without a loss.

On the road it has been an entirely different story, with the Jayhawks winning only 17 games and losing 16 during the same period. The four seniors involved are Howard Engleman, Bob Allen, John Kline and Bill Hogben.

Playing on the home court has always been regarded as a big advantage, but seldom if ever has a record like this been compiled. Surveys taken in an attempt to determine the advantage enjoyed by the home team usually place it at from 8 to 10 points.

This by no means completely explains the Kansas situation, however, as the Jayhawks play their home games on a semi-foreign court. Whereas the other Big Six teams all practice on the same floors on which they play their games, Kansas has a different setup. Dr. F. C. Allen's team plays its games in the University auditorius Due to the various activities which go on in the auditorium the Kansas squad never is able to practice on the game court oftener than three times a woek. At tines it is less than this. Most of the time the Jayhawks are practicing in Robinson gymnasium When Kansas tangles with Iowa State Monday night, the K. U. players will have had only two practice sessions on the auditorium floor since they returned from their eastern trip Friday, Jan. 3. The players' mental attitude is Dr. Allen's explanation of the difference in Kansas' play at home. "They are mentally at ease on the home floor," the Jayhawk coach says. "The disturbing influences that operate away from home do not prevail here."

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