

SKETCH OF COACH GEORGE EDWARDS

As he begins his seventeenth year as coach of basketball at the University of Missouri, George R. Edwards is attaining nationwide recognition as one of the ablest administrators in the game.

For the past two years he has been director of the Western N.C. A.A. playoffs in Kansas City and also directed the national finals in Kansas City. His work has been so satisfactory in that respect that he has been named to direct the Western and National N.C.A.A. finals again in 1943.

Edwards is also a member of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, representing the Fifth District. This committee has complete control over the rules under which collegiate basketball is played. He is also a member of the research committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association now working on game administration and game equipment. Coach Edwards was president of the National Basketball Coaches Association in 1938.

At Missouri, Edwards' record has been blighted by periods of poor material, but he has usually kept his club in the first division of the Big Six Conference, which is high in basketball prestige. Last year, the team finished in last place for the second time in Edwards' coaching career. In 1930, Missouri won the Big Six title and finished in first place ties in both 1939 and 1940. Only Kansas, the dominant power in the league since its organization, has won more titles than the Missouri Tigers.

Edwards was a basketball star at Missouri back in 1911, 1912, and 1913, and captained the team in his senior year. He played high school basketball at Central High School in Kansas City, where he also participated in other sports. Upon graduation from Missouri, Edwards immediately went into coaching and has been following it ever since.

He first coached all sports at Salina, Kansas, High School, and after three years there, became a college coach, taking over Kansas Wesleyan at Salina. In 1918, he moved back to his home, Kansas City, Mo., and became coach of all sports at Westport High School. His record there was outstanding, and in 1926 he was made coach of basketball at the University of Missouri.

Edwards has directed both good teams and bad, as is the case with most coaches over a period of years, but always he has commanded the respect of his players. He is a progressive coach, one of the first to acclaim the fan-shaped backboards put into use two years ago. His coaching policy is to give every player a complete chance and then try to develop what ability is shown.

SKETCH OF FRESHMAN COACH HERBERT GREGG

Like Coach Edwards, Herbert Gregg was a former Tiger star in the cage game. Gregg, who will not get his degree in Education until June, and is coaching for the first time, played under Edwards in 1940, 1941, and 1942. Last year Gregg was co-captain of the team, along with Loren Mills.