PERSONAL SKETCHES

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS BASKETBALL

1941-1942

- BALLARD, JACK- guard or forward- 19 -sophomore in college of liberal arts and sciences; home, Kansas City, Mo.; graduate of Southwest high school in Kansas City, 1940; coached by Mel Bishop. The most promising big man Doctor Allen has had in some time. However, needs a good deal of polishing and may not see much action this season. Played center in high school and was a first string man on last year's crack K.U. freshman team.
- BLACK, CHARLES- forward- 20 -sophomore in school of engineering; home-Lawrence; graduate of Southwest high school in Kansas City, Mo.; played under Coach Mel Bishop. Has the natural ability to be an outstanding ball player, but was not overly consistent as a freshman last year. Played freshman ball at the University of Wisconsin before coming to K.U. Has weight as well as height and is a fine ball handler. Has hot streaks on pivot shots, at which times he is virtually unguardable.
- BLAIR, DON- guard or center- 19 -junior in school of education; home-Ottawa; graduate of Ottawa high school, 1939; played under Coach Bill Kincaid. Won a freshman numeral in 1940. Did not see enough service to letter last year, but is expected to play more this season. Has looked much improved this winter. Good ball handber.
- BUESCHER, JOHN- center or forward- 21 -junior in school of education; home, Beardstown, Ill.; graduate of Beardstown high school, 1938; coached by Clyde McQueen. Tall and skinny. Is known to his teammates as "The Thin Man". A superb ball handler. A likely starter at a forward position and can also play the "quarterback" post. Played forward last year and was in the starting lineup for several games. Was the standout on the 1939 freshman team. An excellent scorer in workouts, but has yet to do as well in games. Fine rebound man, despite being skinny. A letterman.
- ependence, Mo.; graduate of William Chrisman high school in Independence, 1940; coached by Charles Huhn. First string fullback on the Jayhawk football team this fall. Suffered a back injury in football, but it is not expected to bother him. First string guard on last year's freshman cage quintet. Has a world of fire and drive, but needs a great deal of polishing.
- EVANS, RAY- guard- 19 -sophomore in college of liberal arts and sciences; home, Kansas City, Kan.; graduate of Wyandotte high school, 1940; played under Coach Ashley Elbl. A great prospect. Equally outstanding on offense and defense. Ace of the Wyandotte high team which won 28 straight games in 1940. Drives for the basket on the fast break, reminiscent of Fred Pralle, Kansas' All-American guard of 1938. A dazzling passer. Good long shot as well as hot one-hand shooter. A defensive star; held Howard Engleman, 1941 varsity ace, to a total of 10 points in the two varsity-freshman games last year. First string football halfback.