

Krum Teams Streak Toward Titles
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KRUM, Jan, 2-Coach William Davis' Krum basketball machine is fast whirling toward the District 33-B title playoff this season and prospects are good for jackpots in the next four or five campaigns.

Davis, who is more or less considered the dean of this circuit's basketball, is a fast believer in finding his boys early and bringing them up to play the roundball game as he thinks it should be played.

The system began paying off two or three seasons ago and now seems primed for a batful of ? from now until 1958-1960.

Davis, who doubles as superintendent and coach as well as driving a bus and doing several other odd jobs about the school, has been in the Krum system for six years. This one is his seventh. During that time as coach he has had two championship teams, was a tri- champion last season with Ponder and Sanger and has had two second place finishes,

He takes his basketball seriously and the idea is catching among his boys. They are well-conditioned, well-trained and well-mannered.

The girls share a spotlight with the boys. They have been playing in an organized league two years as have the other four teams in the league and according to Davis the whole district is rapidly growing stronger in girls' participation.

Both the Krum boys and girls are currently leading District 33-B with five wins against no losses.

Davis hands much credit to Ed McReynolds for bringing the girls along this season as well as giving the helping hand to develop future varsity teams at Krum. McReynolds graduated from NTSC and is in his first year of coaching at Krum. He handles the girls' team and is freshman basketball coach for the boys.

"Our girls' league has been noticeably weak in comparison with other districts the last two years," Davis says. "but due to coaching like McReynolds and others in the circuit are now doing, we should in another year, be able to compete on equal terms with any girls' team in this part of the state.

Davis admits he knows little about coaching girls' basketball, "It's a lot different from boys," he grins. "We're lucky to have Ed here to do it. He knows more of the principles."

Davis started the season with 13 varsity boys and seven of them were experienced lettermen. Leading the club to its four league victories have been Loman Park, 6-1 offensive post man; Ken Martin, 6-3 defensive post man; Wayne Wilburn, 6-3 forward and Bennie Ennis, 5-10 guard.

Don Odneal, a senior letterman, handles the other guard position on the starting five. Wilburn and Terry Masten alternate at a starting wing spot according to the opponent's defensive set-up. Wilburn opens a zone and Masten starts if the defensive pattern is a man-for-man.

Bobby Boaz, junior and Gerald Copp, a freshman, are the second line guards and Davis says they have both seen a lot of service this year and have developed well.

Glenn Kay also has seen several minutes of service this season despite being a center and playing behind both Park and Hartin, the two front-line performers at this position.

Davis employs a sinking man-for-man defense at Krum but calls for very little pressing at mid-court. His defense is mainly designed to keep a post man from setting-up in the middle.

Against a man-for-nun hit offensive patterns call for a pivot man and almost all the plays drive off this man behind a screen.

In regard to the next four or five years, Davis now has some 15 freshmen working under Mc-Reynolds and already has boys in the lower grades playing under his system.

"We like to catch the boys early, decide on their best positions, and work them at this spot all the way through high school."

Season record for Davis this year stands at '20-6. His team has beaten a representative from each of the four Texas Interscholastic league brackets. The Wildcats own triumphs over Whitesboro, Class A; Decatur, Class AA; McKinney, Class AAA and Waco, Class AAAA.

