## **Iry to break five-game losing streak**

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## Sooners search for winning ways in Missouri

ANSAS CITY, Mo. — His team lost five of its last six basketball es, but Oklahoma coach Dave says it is only a matter of time

re the Sooners become consist winners. There are some obvious rtcomings, but they are all based inexpereince," said Bliss, whose n opened the season with seven

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ight wins. "Everybody thought sophomores. were going to have a great team

this year, but I felt all along this was just another rebuilding year. Very state hosts Iowa State in games and a team has to have experience few teams in the country are as inex-featuring teams that won their before it can go on the road and conperienced as we are.

As the Sooners prepare for a Big braska. Eight Conference game today at Missouri, Bliss is toying with the idea of using as many as three Some of the teams around this couple of years, but we've only been good shape." freshmen in his starting lineup. Nine a team for a couple of months," said of the top 12 players on the Sooner Bliss, whose squad is 8-5 overall and squad are either freshmen or 0-1 in the Big Eight after a one-point loss at Oklahoma State last Saturday.

In other league games today, Kan-

sistently expect to win," said the second-year head coach. "It is a matleague openers. Colorado visits Ne-

Bliss' lineup for the Missouri game will feature either freshman Al Beal or Drew Head at center, freshman "Going to Missouri we have Clifford Johnson or Terry Stotts.

Freshman Aaron Curry may start at guard.

Missouri has experience, even though it is coming off a 77-72 loss at Kansas last Saturday in a fightmarred game that saw the team and coach Norm Stewart pushed and shoved by Kansas fans after the defeat.

Missouri, expected to defend its league title successfully, features his team can continue to win the already equalled last year's conferseniors Jim Kennedy and Kim An- close ones - something the ence win total with one victory.

derson, junior college transfer Clay Johnson in the frontcourt and senior Scott Sims and freshman Larry Drew at guards. The first two players off the bench are sophomore center Stan Ray, a starter on last year's championship team, and 6-7 senior James Clabon, who can play any position.

Kansas coach Ted Owens hopes

Jayhawks were unable to do a yea ago when they were 13-13 overall and 6-8 in the league and lost six league games total of 15 points.

Iowa State heads to Kansas State already assured of bettering last year's record. The Cyclones, under first-year coach Lynn Nance, have won four games — one more than they did all last year — and have

