

Sparky, as he diagnosed his own trouble, dribbled down the side line too much instead of cutting in. There were too many long shots attempted by the entire squad, and Sparky's long shots fell short many times. However, you played your heart out, Sparky, but I think you were trying to carry the whole load rather than to relax and let some of the other boys feel that they had an equal share in it. Your nervousness on free throws was apparent. Remember, each free throw counts one point and you missed six of them, although you made five, which is not a bad record; but I think you are a better free thrower than that in the clutches.

Lindquist, due to the fact that the team was going poorly, perhaps, did not play as good a game as he is capable of. Bill, I notice that you did not make any fouls and I want to commend you on that. However, you did swing at the ball once and I am sure you closed your eyes because you made a complete swing and missed that big 29 inch ball. And also I thought you shot too long. However, you were a more finished player than any of the others on the floor, save McSpadden.

Diehl, you will remember that on a tip off play on the east goal you walked away from the basket toward the tip off play at the free throw line, and Bean received a pass right in under the basket. That is where you should have been stationed on the tip off play.

Now, fellows, these points that I am bringing out -- and I could mention five hundred more -- were the cause of your defeat. I am not criticizing you. I know that we haven't the power now that we will have after football season is over, and we had a light, immature and young club. I saw how rough the game was going and that is the reason why I put in Turner and Diehl. You two made a tremendous improvement in holding the chargers back. I was pleasantly surprised at both Turner's and Diehl's work.

I do not want any of you to get discouraged. I assure you that I am not and I am saying it with utter frankness. I knew that we would be beaten by a very superior team. But you boys got a lot of experience in defeat that will do you a lot of good. Understand that I am not expecting you to keep on learning through receiving set backs. We are going to win the majority of our games, but of course we will have to improve on fundamentals. All these things I have showed you how to prevent or not do. There wasn't a play situation that happened against us but what I had taken up previously with you, but you will remember that I said I never get discouraged until I yell the same man a thousand times the same thing. After that I begin to get a little blue. Certainly I am not blue from having told you five or ten times. I have still got nine hundred and ninety-five more statements to make before I begin to get down at the mouth. So cheerio, boys! Don't worry! But I will let you in on a secret. When we get at our full strength we are going to play Coach Porter's ASTP team and it may be necessary to call the packing house employees to clean up the carnage; but we will make all those necessary arrangements before the battle. This game will be played some time in January when we have an opportunity to say that we are at our full strength.