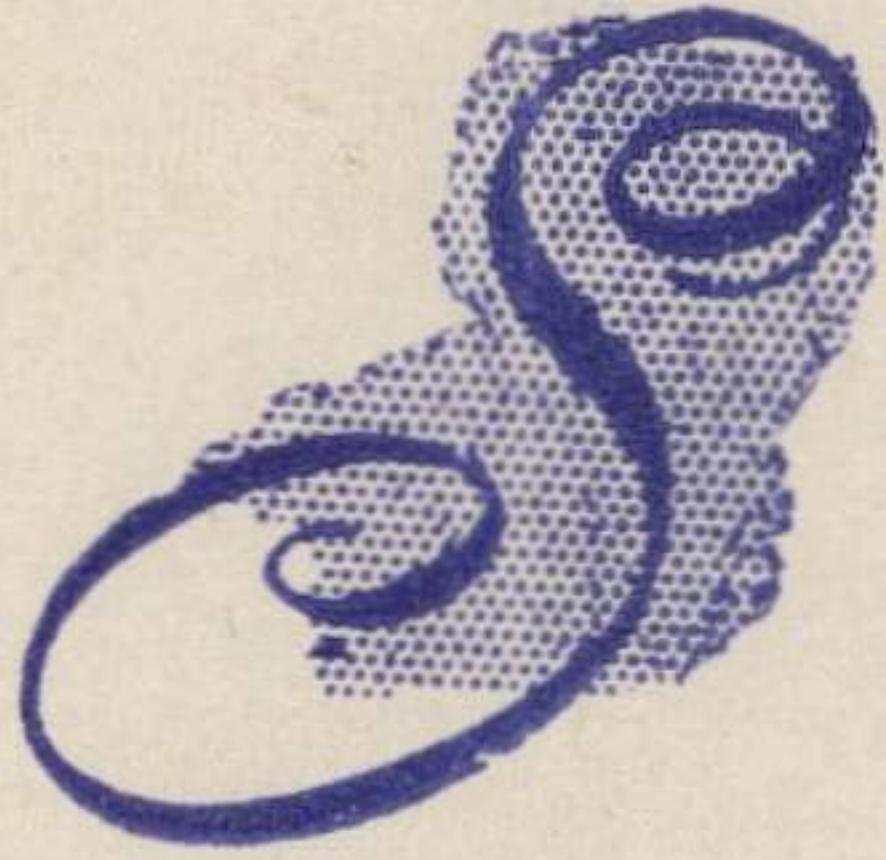


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STERLING CITY SCHOOLS
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Coach F. C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am enclosing a brief summary of characteristics of my first six men. If possible, from a paper picture, will you offer me a few suggestions. And diagram a play or two you would use if you were to have these boys and knew just this about them. Also, just what do you do to improve "hitting the bucket"? I really think in one game it is lack of confidence, and then in the next it is over-confidence. Quite a contrast, I know, but what is your remedy?

We were tied for 1st place in the Central Prairie League after the first round; then to open second round we dropped a one pointer to the cellar dwellers. Had a ten point lead in fourth quarter--made only one point in this period; missed twelve good shots the last four minutes, several of them good follow shots, two--three--and four in a row.

This is my 14th season, all the way from Central Arkansas to here, and I learn, and at least see, something new each year. But I believe this squad is the toughest problem I've had. They are good trainers, take coaching well, and a fine bunch of boys.

I have attended the past four Kansas Coaching Schools, but you don't get the little things like these sometimes. I expect you are like the rest of us, very busy, etc., so give me this honor if at all possible. Tell my cousin, Bob Bock, we're for him.

J.W. Paden
Yours very truly,

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