

# The Robinson Coal Company

Producers Of Mohawk Coal



PLEASANTON, KANSAS

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Dear Phog:

Last Tuesday evening, Butler, Missouri and the local High School were tied 22 all. A foul occurred perhaps two seconds prior to the end of the game. The time keeper signalled the end of the game about the time the referee was indicating the player against whom the foul was committed. The referee gave the player (Butler boy) the choice of throwing a free throw or taking the ball outside. The lad, not knowing the game was practically over, elected to keep the ball.

If the boy had placed the ball in play from out of bounds, the play would have ended, before a try at the basket could have been made. There was much noise and it was probable that the end of game signal was not audible.

The referee did order an extra time play-off which resulted in a Pleasanton win 23 to 22.

The Butler coach wanted his boy to be permitted a free throw and if he failed, then a tie game.

The referee ordered a play-off; refused to permit the boy to reverse himself and started the play-off with a center jump.

Should the referee have permitted a reversal or should the ball have been passed in <sup>by</sup> a Butler boy and the two seconds consumed, or should the play-off be started with Butler in possession (Pleasanton controlled the tip) or did he decide correctly? There's no fuss or disagreement. We just wonder if we were fair to Butler. Thanks.

Yours truly,

J. R. Smith.

JRS:jh

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