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25 Feb. 1945

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:-

I cut this clipping out of
the Sunday's Oklahoma City Times.
I thought you might be interested
in reading about Bruce Speake's
tactics against the Aggies and what
the Sports Editor thinks of them.
It's things like this, that make a
person feel plenty proud that he
was a Jayhawker and coached
by the best in the country.
Mary Virginia and I were

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really glad to see you give the
Sooners such a "lacing" at Lawrence.
I knew they were going to get it
there. You surely fanned it on
the Tigers last night. Lots of luck
for the remainder of the season,
and we're sure hoping that you
win the Big Six.

Sincerely yours,
Eddie

On the Level

By Hal Middlesworth

BRUCE DRAKE of the University of Oklahoma is a fine young coach and potentially one of the country's best basketball mentors. . . . He is a keen student of the game with a well-balanced sense of offense and defense and carries considerable weight in the coaching world.

But unless he quits letting his games against the Oklahoma Aggies run him clear off the beam, he may not last long enough to fulfill his promise. The Sooner-Aggie clashes each year appear to drive him basketball-batty.

There was that silly business of last year, when he had Gerald Tucker, completely ineligible by war department rules, dress up in an Oklahoma suit, parade around before the game and sit on the Sooner bench during the contest. Evidently that was to demoralize the Aggies—but it didn't.

Then at Norman last month there was Merle Dinkins clapping about on a pair of stilts in a not-too-tasteful takeoff on seven-foot Bob Kurland of the Aggies. That didn't scare the Aggies, either.

Intentional Roughness Is Dangerous Weapon

BUT more serious than any of the tomfoolery was the way the Sooners jumped on Bob Kurland at Stillwater last week. Funny stuff is one thing—intentional fouling is quite another.

There can't be much doubt about Oklahoma's tactics against the Aggies. A fourth-string center was the starter and he immediately began climbing Kurland's back and throwing his arm around the big boy's waist. Other centers followed him—in the reverse order with the usual starter going in last—and the fouls continued to pile up.

Two of them fouled out and the other three had eight personals among them. But shucks, what's the difference how many substitute centers you lose, if you put the collar on Kurland?

Intentional? Well, the Sooners were assessed 15 personal fouls in the first half—and every one of them was com-

Likewise the "Sooner stall," a leaf from the book of Arkansas' Gene Lambert, which Drake brushed off and set out for the Aggies at Norman last year and at Stillwater last week. What we said a year ago about stalling when you are behind in the scoring still goes.

Of course, Drake and Lambert will say: "But, look. We only lost by six points (or three a year ago) when we were figured to lose by 20."

That's right. But we'll still take our coaches who play it to win.

If it's a question of holding down the score, might we suggest that Drake just keep the Sooners at home next time. The score on a forfeit is only 2-0—which is about as close as you can shave it—and the fans wouldn't be out their money, either.

mitted against Kurland. No other Aggie was touched.

That's what the boys on the corner would call "dirty pool" and we agree with them.

If a coach can justify: (1) sublimating a player's natural desire to win into a stall which calls for him to laugh and joke with the opposition and (2) sending out a string of players to push, hold and otherwise foul another player, we, for one, are interested in hearing the arguments.

The fans, we feel sure, are interested, too.

Kansas Laces Tigers, 64-33

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Kansas crushed the Missouri Tigers' basketball team, 64-33 Saturday night and edged one game nearer the Big Six conference championship.

Hailing 23 field goals through the nets, the Jayhawkers completely overwhelmed Missouri. The one-sided victory enabled Kansas to keep a step ahead of the Iowa State Cyclones who Saturday night put Oklahoma out of the conference race with a 31-29 victory at Oklahoma City. The Jayhawkers' win was their seventh against two defeats and the Cyclones have won 6 and lost 2.

Charles Moffett, Kansas forward, was the leading individual scorer, snaring 12 field goals and five charity shots for a total of 29 points.

Kansas				Missouri					
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp		Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moffett f	12	5	3	29	L. Brown f	0	0	2	0
Reynolds f	1	2	1	4	Freeman f	0	2	3	2
Carlson f	1	0	0	4	White c	3	0	3	6
Hill f	1	2	1	4	Heinnsohn c	1	1	2	3
Williams f	0	0	1	0	Heimbürger g	4	0	3	8
Peck c	2	3	1	7	Kurash g	5	0	1	10
Corder c	0	1	0	1	Stiegemeier g	0	0	5	0
Heim g	2	2	3	6	Sherman g	2	0	2	4
Scott g	4	3	5	11	Whitaker g	0	0	1	0
Goehring g	0	0	0	0					
Daum g	0	0	3	0					
Brown g	0	0	0	0					
Froom g	0	0	0	0					
Strong g	0	0	0	0					

Totals 23 18 18 64 | Totals 15 3 22 33
Half score: Kansas 32, Missouri 14.
Officials: Mike Oberhelman and John Lance.

K-Aggies 55, Huskers 47

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Staving off two last half rallies, Kansas State defeated Nebraska, 55-47, in the Cornhuskers' season's basketball finale here Saturday night.

Kan. State				Nebraska					
	G	F	Pf	Tp		G	F	Pf	Tp
Weatherly f	6	5	4	17	Hoemann f	0	4	0	4
Ridgeway f	1	1	4	3	Hecox g	2	0	4	4
Atkins f	2	0	2	4	Nelson f	0	1	4	1
Schultz f	4	1	2	9	Eicher f	0	0	1	0
Kincheloe c	2	0	1	4	Bloss f	0	0	1	0
McCloughry	0	3	2	3	Peterson c	2	3	0	7
Payton g	2	1	2	5	Hahn g	6	6	4	13
Spencer g	2	1	3	5	Strahan g	5	3	4	18
Bell g	0	1	5	1					
Stuessberg g	1	2	0	4					

Totals 20 15 25 55 | Totals 15 17 18 47
Half time score: Kansas State 31, Nebraska 21.

March 14, 1945.

Lt. Robert L. Van Citters,
Co. A, 89th IATB,
Camp Maxey, Texas.

Dear Lieutenant Van Citters:

Yes, I remember you very well indeed, and am happy to give you my opinion of the goal-tending rule. Your interpretation is exactly correct. You have a perfect right to tap any of those balls, except over the cylinder of the basket. You are certainly right in keeping the big boy from tapping it in. The offense is given enough advantage already.

I am mighty happy to hear from you and I wish you the best of luck in all of your activities.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Company A, 89th I A T B

Camp Maxey, Texas

3 February 45

Dr. F. C. Allen

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen,

I hope you won't mind my taking of some of your time to settle a dispute we are having here. You probably don't remember me, although Mr Porter or Mr Austin might. I played on the ASTP team at the University last season, and have played on several Army teams since. At present I am playing on a regimental team which will play in the finals of the post tournament for the post championship in about ten days. In recent games I have been called on a certain violation of the rules which is not clearly understood down here, and I am writing to ask your help in clearing the matter.

It seems that I have been guilty of goal-tending. I realize that a rule is now in effect which forbids goal-tending, but no one here has a copy of the rules, and as a result, many individual versions are to be found among the various referees. I interpret the new ruling to mean that I am not allowed to intercept the ball on its downward flight, which is alright, but what about a ball which is obviously short, or appears as though it will hit the rim? Another example is the tall center on one of the teams who has made a specialty of tipping in shots which the guards have purposely shot a little short. According to the present interpretation of the rule I may not intercept the

ball, because theoretically the shot was aimed at the basket, rather than passed to the center. If I jump and intercept the ball, the opposing team is given two points, and if I don't interfere with the ball, the big boy will tip it in for two points. I hate to get rough and resort to blocking or something of that sort, but something will have to be done to clear up the rules or the pending game threatens to become extremely rough.

I hope I have outlined the problem clearly, and I hope you will find time to set us clear. I will appreciate it very much if you give us your interpretation of the ruling. I feel that the entire league will benefit by your assistance.

Once again I apologize for taking your time and hope my request will not prove to be too much trouble.

Respectfully yours

Robert L. Van Citters
Robert L. Van Citters 2d Lt Inf

March 11, 1945
Fort Lewis, Wash.

Dear Coach Allen,

I see by a Kansas City paper that you brought your boys thru in fine standing again. Nice going. Iowa State was always a tough barrier.

I have been trying to get a letter written for sometime but they have really had us on the go. I am in the medical corps and stationed at Fort Lewis which is located a ways out of Tacoma Washington. At the present I am taking my medical basic training. We really are getting extensive medical training. The First aid and anatomy and physiology is just review. But the drugs and medicines are tough. I can see why the mortality rates have been held at such a low rate. There has been

wonderful advances made in medicine. What an organization it was estimated that ten minutes after a man was wounded in the European Invasion he was receiving medical attention.

The phase I am going into is right down my line. After I finish my basic training I will go to school and come out a reconditioning instructor. I will be placed in a hospital or convalescing camp to give the sick, wounded and crippled corrective and reconditioning exercises. To restore them to physical health. This will be a big phase after the war and I will be getting a lot of training with a big carry over to civilian life.

I received a letter from Mr. Ayers at Haskell asking for a copy of my induction

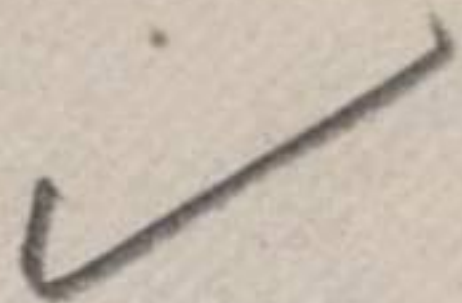
order. He needs it for certain information in regards to military leave from my Luskell job. The personnel here informed me the draft board there could furnish him with a copy. I would really appreciate it if you would handle this for me and get the copy to him.

You can pass my congratulations on to Ditt, he did a wonderful job with the Luskell boys.

Be sure and make the change of my address on the Jayhawk Rebounder. If you will handle the matter of getting the copy to Mr Ayers I will be very thankful. Good Luck.

Sincerely yours,
W. J. "Vandy" Vandover

Cpl. Harold E. Van Slyke
ward "B" U.S. Naval Hospital
Quantico, Va.



15 Dec, 1944

Doc:

I received the Nav. 20th Rebounds today, from my sister-in-law who is working in the Board of Regents office in Fayette, and it is really swell.

As you may remember, when I talked to you before the Kansas-Oklahoma game, I told you I was going to Quantico, Va. well that is true but for a very different reason than I thought then. It seems that they are going to make a second Lt. out of me down here.

You will notice by my address that I am in the Naval Hospital here. I have to have an operation on an injury I received overseas before I can start to school so tomorrow I go onto the block and they start cutting.

I've been doing a lot of serious thinking about this being an Officer business and about "Jeep" and the type of a leader he was. If I can be half the Officer and man he was then I'll know my life is worth something to this country we all love so much.

I know, as all who knew him, know, that there can be only one "Jeep" but to try to carry on his ideals and good work throughout this war is something to think about. Some how I know that if things ever get tough for me again over there that old "Jeep" will be around to sort of help out as he always was before.

In case any of the fellows are on Guam or ever get there, they will find "Jeep" in the Cemetery on Asan beach.

Good luck, Doc, on the coming basketball season and never forget that you've got Jayhawkers all over the world pulling for you and the gang.

Sincerely,

Cpl. Harold E. Van Slyck
U. S. M. C.

Ward "B"
U. S. Naval Hospital
Ferry Point, Va.



Greetings
Fifth Army

Italy

1944 - 1945

Christmas

Greetings and Best

Wishes for the

New Year

Bruce Moran

(over)

Dear Doc!

I'm still enjoying your Rebounds a great deal. Both types of Italian winter weather, bad and worse, are upon us now. I suppose you are about ready to start your pre-conference basketball games. I'm sure you'll come up with another great team and I'm betting on you.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Allen for the Holiday season and the coming year.

Sincerely,
Bruce

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Worms ...

In reply address not the signer
of this letter but Commanding
Officer, Naval Air Technical
Training Center, Norman, Okla.

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26 Dec. 1944

Mr. F. C. Allen

Director of Physical Education,
Head Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

Just a note, so you will
change my address for the Rebound.
I certainly wouldn't want to miss
any of those letters. You have been
sending them to St. Mary's College,
Calif., but I have gotten each one.
Doc, you can't imagine how much
we enjoy each copy. It's just like
a letter from home. It was
quite a shock to read about

T. P. Hunter, but I'm afraid that
is going to happen to a lot of us
before this crazy thing is over.

I reported here last May; about
two months later, received temporary
orders for a Survival School. They
sent me to Chapel Hill, N. C., Pensacola,
and Miami, Florida. It was about
a two months course; a very
valuable and interesting experience.
I was then called to Chicago to
help prepare a Survival Syllabus
for all the Technical Training Centers.
This was taken back to the Command
in Washington, and eventually all
the Centers will have this as part
of their course of study. At the
present, I'm back here at
Norman in the summering
left. For how long, I do not

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know. Some of us were to get sea
duty, others foreign base duty. A person
never knows, until the orders
come in.

"Doc" I certainly hope you
have another one of those swell
basketball seasons, here's wishing
you the best of luck. Give your
family our best regards.

Henry did a swell job in
football. Hell find K. U. on the
map in football when this
War is over.

Sincerely
"Bennie"

January 5, 1945.

Mr. H. W. Vorbeck,
512 Main Street,
Grand Junction, Colo.

Dear Mr. Vorbeck:

Years ago we had a magnetic board used for basketball, but we did away with it because there was not enough demand to make it profitable.

Victor Hurt, our former assistant football coach, also had a magnetic board for football. His came about ten years after ours was on the market and had gone out. I would suggest that you write Victor Hurt, Director of the Philbrook Art Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.



H. W. VORBECK

Wholesale Fishing Tackle and Athletic Goods

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512 MAIN STREET
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

12/18/44

Dr Forrest C Alâen
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We understand that some years ago you put out a magnetic board for use of basketball coaches to describe plays etc. As we understand the board the small men were moved from one position to another on the board when describing position and plays etc.

If you have these yet, kindly quote.

Thanks kindly

December 5, 1944.

Mrs. W. N. Van Slyck,
223 Woodlawn Avenue,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Van Slyck:

I was delighted to receive your letter, and am happy to give you herewith the address of Charles Loar. His last letter to me was dated October 11, 1944. His address is Cpl. Charles P. Loar, Casual Bn., Trans. Center F.M.F. Pac., care of Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, California.

It was a great pleasure for me to have a fine visit with Harold when he was here. I am enclosing a copy of the Jayhawk Rebounds that we wrote after Harold's visit, which I thought you would enjoy reading.

Yes, I do think it would be a lovely thing if you would write to Mrs. Hunter. She has been very brave in the loss of T. P., and I am sure that a letter from you would mean much to her. Her address is Mrs. Mary F. Hunter, Margaret, Texas.

I am sure that Mr. Van Slyck would have been proud of your sons. I had many contacts with him, and always valued very highly my association with this great character.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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223 Woodlawn Ave.
Tapeka, Mo., -
Dec - 3 - 44

Dear Mr. Allen -

Just before I arrived
left two weeks ago
to report to the Marine
Base, Quantico, Va - he
asked me to write to
you asking you to
kindly send word to
me (at to him, as soon
as he is permanently
located there) giving
Cpl. Chas. P. Lewis address
when he returns from
the Hospital in San Francisco.

He wants to keep in touch
with Chas - They were both
in J.P. Hunter's group and
saw him killed in the
dreadful first day on Guam -
Harold was glad to have
the fine visit with you
on Saturday two weeks ago -
and to attend a N.U. game
once more - His furlough
meant much to him in
again living at home -
Many times he said that
he could hardly believe
that he was actually at
home - and that he
had been spared to come
home after many horrible
experiences - Needless to say

it was a great comfort
for me to have him
at home - The only
hard part of homecoming
after two years away
was the fact that his
father, Willard N. Van Dyck,
was not here to welcome
him - During all of
Willard's long illness he
daily thought of his two
sons so far away and
was so proud of them
and of their service, but
it was a constant worry
to him to think of the
"insanity of war" - and the
youth of our country in
such service -
Our elder son, Willard Jr. -

is a meteorologist with
the Army Air Corps in
England -

I wonder if J.P.'s mother
would appreciate a letter
from me - not of details,
of course, but of friendly
interest since Harold
was with him to the last
and visited his grave just
before he left the island,? -

I am now on the staff of the
First Methodist Church here
and part of my work is
calling in homes where sorrow
has entered - among our
membership -

Your letter, 'Jayhawk Reborn',
of Sept. 12 - was splendid in
your tribute to J.P.'s memory -
Harold has filed it with his
"memory book" - Sincerely
(Mrs Wm.) Hazel E. Van Dyck