

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		Fg	Ft	Pf
Moffett f	12	5	3	L. Brown f	0	0	2
Reynolds f	1	2	1	Freeman f	0	2	3
Carlson f	1	0	0	White c	3	0	3
Hill f	1	2	1	Heinnsohn c	1	1	2
Williams f	0	0	1	Heimbürger g	4	0	3
Peck c	2	3	1	Kurash g	5	0	1
Corder c	0	1	0	Stiegemeier g	0	0	5
Heim g	2	2	3	Sherman g	2	0	2
Scott g	4	3	5	Whitaker g	0	0	1
Goehring g	0	0	0				
Daum g	0	0	3				
Brown g	0	0	0				
Froom g	0	0	0				
Strong g	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		G	F	Pf
Weatherly f	6	5	4	Hoemann f	0	4	0
Ridgeway f	1	1	4	Hecox g	2	0	4
Atkins f	2	0	2	Nelson f	0	1	4
Schultz f	4	1	2	Eicher f	0	0	1
Kincheloe c	2	0	1	Bloss f	0	0	1
McLaughry	0	3	2	Peterson c	2	3	0
Payton g	2	1	2	Hahn g	6	6	4
Spencer g	2	1	3	Strahan g	5	3	4
Bell g	0	1	5				
Stuessberg g	1	2	0				

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