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I have been watching the write ups about him in the Wichita papers. He is also a very outstanding baseball player and it seems that several O.U. scouts have gotten to him. Oklahoma is his home state. He was born there and did not come to Wichita until he was in the Intermediate School. That may be one reason why O.U. looks good to him.

Now about his basketball ability: When I came to Wichita last fall, evenbody said what a star he was. Well as far as I am concerned he never did come up to what I expected. Many persons told me that he played lot better ball last year. It looked like a case of too much publicity for a kid that could not take it. He has got of fairly good eye for the basket and is a very hard driver, but is very weak defensively. According to the other boys, during his Soph. and Jr. years, he was the only one that did any shooting and scoring. His coach never made him do a thing on defense, so I had quite a job with him. He is very individualistic, and did not get along with the other boys as wellas he should. That was one great fault with my whole bunch. They were all Seniors, and thought they knew everything.

This is Layton's record of his shooting according to my books. We played 19 games. He attempted 390 shots, and made 52 baskets, a rather poor percentage. He seemed to be in some sort of a slump about half of the season. I think he was not training as well as he should. However, he made the All Ark Valley team as a Forward, and was fourth from the top among the leading scores in the Ark Valley. It looked to me like making the All Ark Valley was a darn sight more important to him than trying to cooperate with the other boys, and win some ball games for us.

I do think that Lester will snap out of it when he goes to College. I guess all high school boys have their faults. The fact that he seems to be in love with a girl in Wichita and that he has been considered the "big shot" around school, did not help him or our ball club. He has a swell personality, and he is not hard to handle.

I hope I have given you the information you wished. If there is anything else you want me to do please let me know. I will be glad to contact him if you so desire.