

DODGE CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

I have been rather slow in answering your inquiry in regard to the Physical Education courses to be offered in summer school. Naturally I would prefer course #201 in Advanced Basketball if you plan to give it. My basketball training has been deficient in many of the points that probably would be covered in this course.

I want to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the fine type of basketball that was played by your team in Topeka at the tournament. I was disappointed in the type of game that was played by so many of the teams. I think that the game will live on indefinitely if kept on a high plane such as was demonstrated by your players. May you continue to have outstanding success with your efforts.

The Dodge High School team has been quite fortunate to date in that it has won the first seven games. Of course we expect to lose at any time for the law of averages will soon catch up with us. Do you remember a player from last year's clinic by the name of Evans? He was a dark haired, heavy set, forward who was so fast and such a good shot. Friday, against Great Bend, he dropped in 9 goals and 2 free throws to continue in the lead in the Southwest Kansas League.

I would like to ask your opinion in regard to my style of play. I have used three men in during the first half of the game and then changed to three men out in the last half. This did not give the opposing coaches much chance to set up a defense against us. Naturally during the second round of play this will not be so effective. Would you suggest that I use three men out all of the time as I do not have any tall men who are especially effective under the basket? I have trouble getting plays that are effective with either plan but have had the most success with three men out.

I shall appreciate any suggestions that may be able to give me.

Yours sincerely,

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