

double duty from then on out it would not be my fault, and I worked feverishly, revamping and struggling through to a tied championship. We then played the triple tie-off between Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas at Wichita, Kansas, and after a surprising upset defeated the Sooners 45 - 39, for our right to represent the Big Six Conference.

"Then we had to play the Oklahoma Aggies team at Oklahoma City. The game was tied at the half, tied at the end of the game, and in a surprising upset we won the play-off, and the right to represent this district in Kansas City.

"When I walked into the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium I paraphrased Lafayette's words, and I thought, "Well, Bobby, here we are". And when the drawings were made we drew Rice, and Colorado drew Southern California. We won over Rice, as Southern California did over Colorado. And then we had the big game with those big, sun-kissed Southern California boys. We were supposed not to have a chance.

"I had written to John Bunn, my former pupil and former assistant coach, who coached at Stanford University, and John wrote me and said, "Doc, that Southern California team can whip any team in the United States, but they play just hard enough to win." We seized upon this phrase - they play just hard enough to win. We placarded it, then we underscored it in Bunn's letter and placed it where everyone of the boys could see it, we preached it to the boys and told them that they might be snowed under at times but if they would remember that statement of Bunn's - they play just hard enough to win - we would still have a fighting chance at the championship.

"Jack Gardner, the Kansas State coach and former Southern California captain, in speaking over the radio between halves of that epochal contest in the Municipal Auditorium, said, "Well, Kansas is playing a surprising game, but California has the power and finesse and they will smash Kansas in the second half." The score was 21 - 20 in favor of Southern California at the half. I reminded the boys again that Southern California played just hard enough to win, and that there were nearly two million people in Kansas listening for the second half over the radio - some of them not having much love for athletics, but all having a great state pride, and if we could defeat Southern California it would be a triumph for Kansas.

And then in my talk I mentioned the Missourians and the hecklers who were riding Bobby that night. He was having a terribly bad night and those non-wellwishers were yelling, "Give the ball to Junior. Papa's little boy, you are not doing it the right way, Junior", and so forth.