

Last summer Parkins was selected as the high school coach to teach at Lake Okoboji, which is the school of Saunderson, the football coach at Morningside. He has had Frank Lohy of Fordham, and I taught there with Mattie Bell. He had Piggie Lambert and the so-called outstanding basketball and football coaches in the country, and Parkins was picked as the outstanding high school coach to lead the high school discussions. So you see he rates as one of the outstanding high school coaches.

You doubtless know that we had John Dunn, who is now at Stanford, "Dutch" Lomborg, who is at Northwestern, "Frosty" Cox, who is at the University of Colorado, and Adolph Rupp, who is at the University of Kentucky. All of these are former players of mine, along with Louis Menze and some of the other boys in lesser important positions.

Now, Andy, there is one other chap that I have in mind, who played here for me when I coached football in 1920. He also played forward for me on the Kansas basketball varsity. That is Andrew W. McDonald, who was also a quarter miler in track. He is at present head coach of basketball at Springfield Missouri State Teachers College. He is leading the conference at the present time and he has won more conference championships down there than any other coach in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He coached football at the Teachers College for about six or seven years and had outstanding teams. His high school coaching was done here at Lawrence High School, where he made a great record in all sports. He is married, has a family, and I judge he is about 40 years of age.

Andy, I am not recommending any boy that does not have the prime requisites of coaching and that is, first, gentility, leadership, ability to inspire boys, and to impart his knowledge to his team. McDonald is clean, courageous and capable, and he is one of the finest young men that I know out in the coaching game at the present time.

Parkins and McDonald are my two top choices and I want you to investigate both of them. In addition, McDonald played on my ever-victorious 1923 championship basketball team, as well as my 1922 team which was also a champion.

I assure you that I will keep this information entirely confidential, and I trust that either one of these boys will receive your very careful and serious consideration. Either one of them can coach basketball in its best way and they can assist in any of the major sports with thorough cooperation and a fine understanding of the coach's part that an assistant should possess. They would also have an understanding loyalty that a director or a head coach would expect to find in this type of employment.

It was good to hear from you, Andy. I just dropped a note to Fred Swan today, wishing him the best of luck in his new job. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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