

he was lazy. Instead of hustling and moving his feet so that he would be in a good defensive position, Jack would reach out and hang on. Then he would complain. If he was against an opponent who played him good and tough Jack would cry like a Senegambian bushman. I was very frank with him and told him to use his legs more and his mouth less. And of course Jack took quite a panning at the beginning of the year, but by the boys' attitude toward him he soon learned that if he wanted to belong he would have to conform and he has been doing pretty well here of late, and that like a lot of other boys, when they can't play on the first team they don't want to play at all, and they pass up practice.

That is the difference between a fellow who has the old raw red courage and the fellow who buckles up just a wee bit under the grind when it is heavy. I told Jack, and I tell you, that Jack has wonderful possibilities as a basketball player if he will just bow his neck and buckle in.

I have talked to the boys over at his house and I have talked to other boys that he associates with, and they have the attitude that he has been badly spoiled. I don't know by whom or where, but I find the same situation when I am dealing with him. He just hasn't learned to take it.

The reason I am so frank with you is because we gave him a job his freshman year and Jack had no sense of responsibility of doing the job when the job had to be done. I have not checked on his grades, but if he studies like he reports for basketball practice, I am afraid his professors will have a lot of absences on his record.

Now, Mr. Floyd, I have had three boys and three girls in my own family and I have had children - some of them - just about like Jack. Somebody has to crack down on them, and if it isn't the mother and father, it is somebody else that they come under in a disciplinary way. The reason that I would not give Jack a job this year was because I knew that I would have to fire him. If I gave him a job he would not take his responsibility seriously enough, and I told him that. I will not give any basketball player a job just because he is an athlete. His athletic ability may give him a favorable introduction and I may try him once, but if I have dropped him if his work is not satisfactory, then he must get his studies and show me in other lines of endeavor he is really serious. Then if he makes good in his studies I will give him some sort of work.

I think you will recall that I wrote you and told you that until Jack got his studies it would not be wise to have him indulge in outside work. It was for that reason that I did not give Jack a job. I could give him a job now if he would work, but most of these boys that want work around the towel room get practically enough money from home, and then they want this other to spend on dates, shows, and so forth. We have to protect the boy against too much outside activity if he is indulging in intercollegiate athletics.