

December 21, 1942.

Coach Ed Ellis,  
Wyandotte High School,  
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th instant. I thought we were terribly incoordinated and played a very poor game that night. The officiating was much superior to the play of the Kansas team.

You asked for any hint that we might have, and this is the only one that I know of. The whistle was blown many times before there was a held ball. I know they do this in high schools to keep the play from getting too rough, but two players of opposite sides must have their hands upon the ball before the whistle can be blown. That means possession, and many times there was no possession when the whistle was blown for a toss-up.

The other error I noticed was that several times after a goal had been made the Kansas team would have possession of the ball going up the court and the whistle was blown and a substitute allowed to enter. This was done by the officials. I do not know whether it was your partner or not, but the only time the whistle should be blown to allow a player to go in the game would be when the ball was dead out of bounds. If the play started so quickly that the official is not able to blow the whistle while the ball was out of bounds, then of course play should continue until the next dead ball situation.

Bill Brill has a very bad knee and will not be able to make the trip East. Ray Evans was injured in a collision with Charlie Black, both players on the same side, and Ray was nearly knocked up to his best. It seems as if every time we start East we have some very, very bad luck, but lots of other fellows are having a lot worse luck than we are, so we shouldn't complain.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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