

Spanish Fork, Utah.

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Dr. (Phog) Allen, Head Coach,  
Kansas University

Dear Dr. Allen:

We have heard a lot about your basketball teams around here and are following your teams progress in its game with Colorado University that is to be played tonight. I know that you are a very busy man and feel out of place in asking you for the following information. However if you can find time in the near future I would like some information from you. We have heard so much of the basketball teams that you have turned out during your career as a coach that we would like some information concerning how you do it.

Could you recomend to me a good book from which to study the game of basketball from the coaching point of view. I understand you have written avery good book on this subject. Could you tell me where I could get one and what the cost of your book is. Also would you mind telling us what kind of offense you use at Kansas and where we could get material on how you employ it. I hear so much talk on the use of plays verses the use of the fast break that I would like to know how you feel about these two systems. Can a coach develop a team with fair ability into a good ball club. You hear so much about the coach making the team--but it seems that one with good material is at a distinct advantage. Would you recomend a zone defense for high schools. Is it possible in your opinon to teach high school boys plays that are used by college players.