

allowed the Tigers to score in the last 20 seconds, making the score 40 to 31.

But we are not crying, Johnny. We took a licking from a better team that night, but on March 1 I think you are going to find the situation definitely reversed. The boys are so disgusted with their play that they will wheel about and I believe play inspired ball against the Tigers here. We are still in the race, but the fact that Missouri beat Iowa State at Ames, a task that we have some difficulty in going generally at Iowa State, is the only thing that I see that the Tigers have over us. Oklahoma is powerful and if they should beat Nebraska with Don Fitz, their star guard, out this Saturday night, I am afraid that it is going to be tough later for us to win at Lincoln. So there are all sorts of complications that may spell defeat for us in the long run, but we will be in there trying and we hope we will be double tough.

We met Nebraska last night with this boy Fitz, their 6-4 guard out of the game with an operation after water on the knee, and I do not believe that he will be back ready to go against Oklahoma at Lincoln Saturday night. We should have had no trouble at all with Nebraska, but they gave us plenty of trouble in the first half. Our boys sometimes get in the melancholy doldrums, and I have the darnedest time stirring them to a frenzy that any coach might experience.

In the second half the boys looked like themselves and only permitted the Huskers one field goal in the last twenty minutes. I used seventeen men against them, and I honestly believe that I could have held them in the 'teens if I kept the regulars in. However, you know that has never been my idea. I believe in playing the best men and urging that they get a lead so that the regulars can give way to the substitutes. That is the way I have of endeavoring to develop morale. I want those substitutes rooting and fighting from the bench for the regulars, and I want the regulars out there fighting to win so that they may turn over a lead to the substitutes. It partially worked, anyhow. But I always have hopes for a one hundred per cent cooperative venture and we do not always get it.

Well, I have a class now, Johnny, and I will hurry along. I read your wire to the boys and each and every one of them said they certainly thought you were a swell fellow. They said, "Don't fail to give him our regards." So I am passing it on to you, one hundred per cent.

Give our love to your wonderful mother and tell her that we are hoping for a visit from you two again real soon. Our kindest regards to the Kuhls. And oh yes, do not forget, our regards to the proprietor and frequenters of the palace of sweets, or whatever you call that sports center over there.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,