

I believe that, if a team can do a few things well, it will win its share of games. On that basis the boys and I try to figure out what we will work on the hardest.

A record of the boys' offensive and defensive performances will cause each boy to try hard to better his own record and to better the records of his team mates. The record, that we have a manager keep of all our game-shots and our opponents' game-shots makes us work hard to do our defensive jobs right. Below is the record:

Player	Field Goals	Attempts Made	%
A, f	24	8	.333
B, f	8	2	.250
C, c	12	6	.500
D, g	6	2	.333
E, g	12	3	.250
F, g	9	3	.333
Team Total	65	22	.340

Player	Free-Throws	Attempts Made	%
A, f	2	1	.500
B, f	3	3	1.000
C, c
D, g
E, g	4	2	.500
F, g	4	3	.750
Team Total	13	9	.682

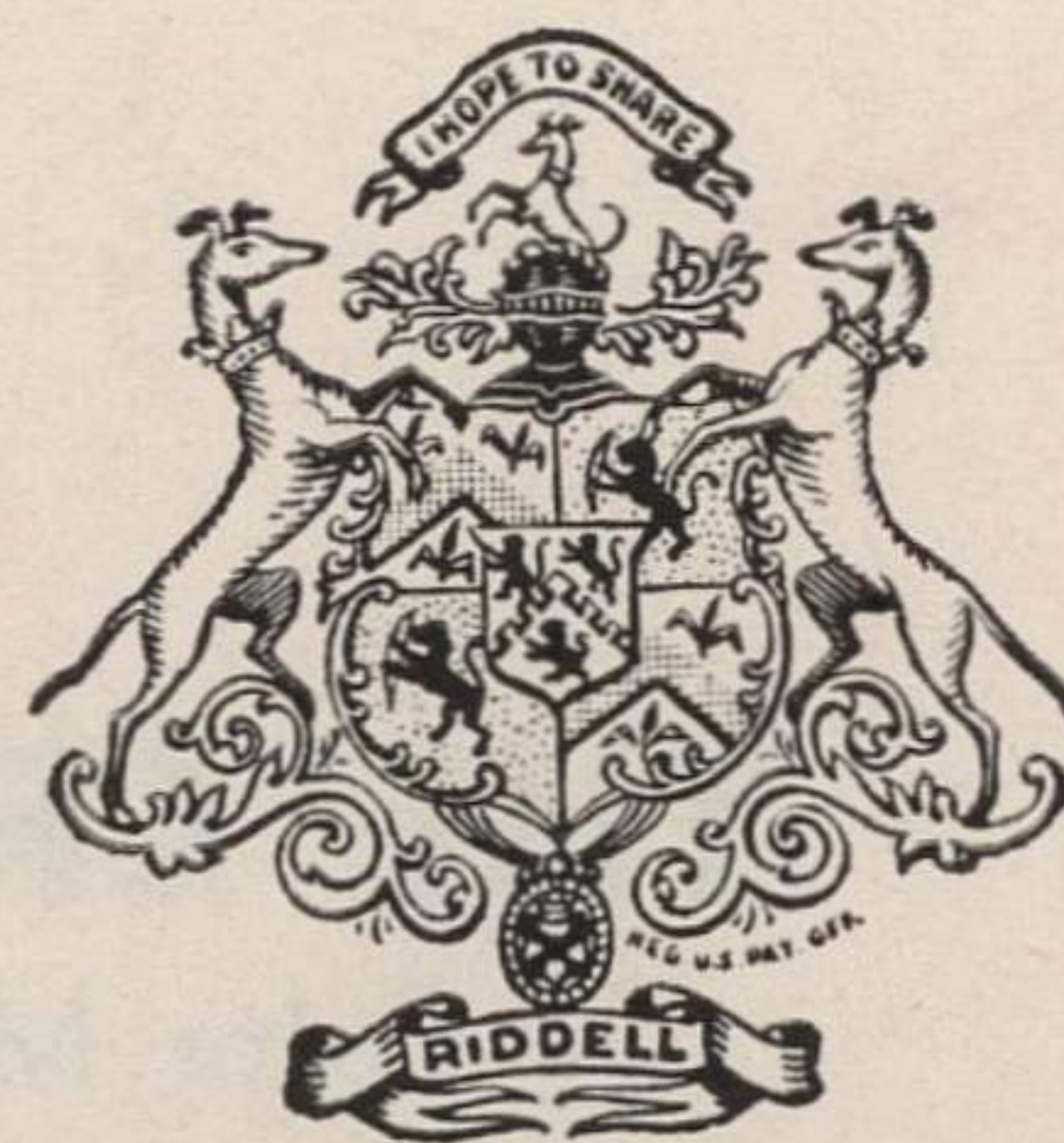
These charts, as well as a chart of the opponents, are put on the bulletin board. The boys find this valuable in studying the men to whom they are assigned. Our good defensive men get fun out of "kidding" our shot-crazy men for letting their men get shots at the basket. The boys do not want to trade men or screen, figuring they can handle their man better than anybody else. However, we do trade men. This is just a device which I believe stimulates us on defensive assignments.

The stance and drills that we use have all been listed many times in the ATHLETIC JOURNAL. When we see or hear of a new one, we try it. We keep the feet spread, the knees bent with one foot advanced, one hand between the ball and the basket with the other hand low and ready to contact the dribble or pass. Under game situations, we work on the 2 against 2, 3 against 3, and 5 against 5. I think that it is not possible to have a good man-to-man defense and a good zone, so we have chosen the first and vary it to meet our opponents. If the opponents are poor ball-handlers and slow, we play them close, pick them up early and play for interceptions. If they are clever and use a set-offense, we play loose and float a man. In guarding a man, we try to stop his most logical move, and make him do something which is not the natural move for him.

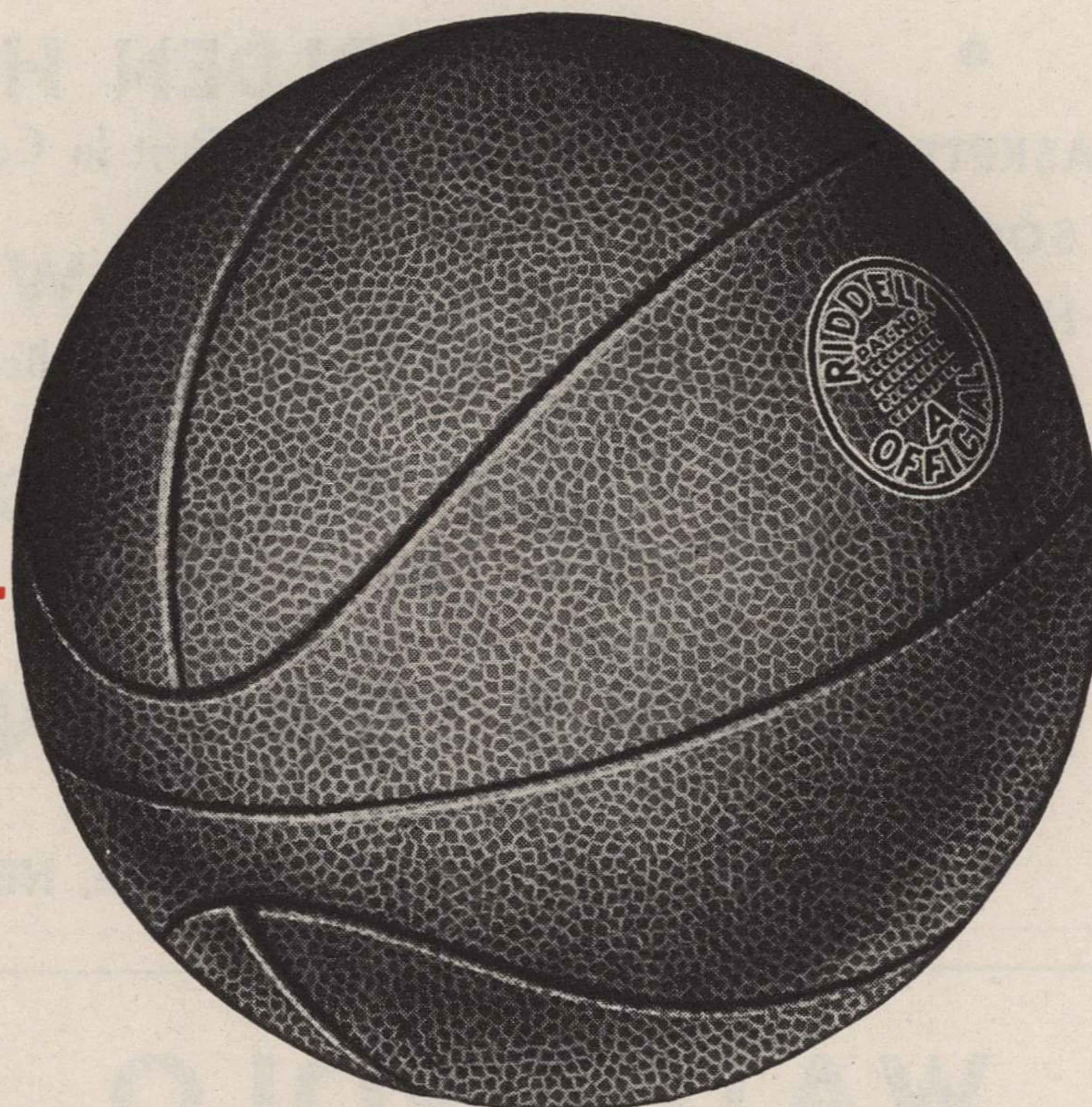
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