

Yes, I will be glad to give you the dope on all strategy we did use. Here's one very interesting item. From the last game that we played with Oklahoma at Norman on March 8th until the final game with Indiana on March 30th, our team or squad did not practice but one day in all this time. They were so dog-tired from driving through our schedule that our time was spent in mental and physical conditioning of the boys, and the only time they did come to the gymnasium would be for the trainer to work on them. My psychology was to tell the boys that they have their fundamentals down well, that they knew all the basketball that was necessary for them to know, and since they had missed time away from their studies on these trips in the last swing around the conference, for them to forget basketball entirely and get to their books. This they did with remarkable alacrity. Three of the boys on the team were honor students - Engleman, Voran and Bob Allen.

Kansas had the best team academically that she has had since the team of 1923 with Endacott, Bowman, Ackerman, Wolf and that group. Engleman was elected president of the School of Business, which is quite an honor. Bob is a pre-medic and is getting all of his medic prerequisites out of the way. He will be a senior next year, taking his A. B. degree, and then he will go into four years of medicine.

I will tell you about the belt dressing first. Years ago before basketball had courts exclusively for the sport, we were forced to play on many dance floors which had been waxed. This belt dressing is a heavy gelatinous mixture of tar and other products which melts at a very high degree of heat Fahrenheit. It is used to put on belts to make them adhere to the rollers and keep them from slipping off. When floors were so sleek in the early days we had to melt this belt glue or adherent. It is more of an adherent than it is a dressing, but they called it a belt dressing. We would melt this and put on the bottom of the shoes, and this would enable the boys to keep their feet on the sleek floor. When rosin and shellac applied to the soles of the shoes failed, we used the belt dressing.

So I went back some twenty years and remembered this adjunct to early day better basketball. We went to one of the supply houses and got these big rolls about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick and about 12 inches long, then we bought tallow candles, and would heat this belt dressing and have the boys hold their feet up and we would apply it while it was warm. We went down to the Forum in the afternoon before we played Oklahoma that night. Previously we had seen how Missouri and Oklahoma slipped around on the floor, but we knew there was something we had to do to keep our feet. While we were doing this an oil field roustabout came in and said that was old-fashioned - the stuff now comes in liquid form. So we went down to one of the oil supply houses and bought some liquid belt dressing and got varnish brushes and painted the soles of the shoes. This naturally helped the boys in their traction. However, that was just one secret.