

We spent a good deal of time on rebounding and position on rebounding. When a ball was shot to a goal each one of the fellows makes a definite effort, through practice assignments, to cover certain areas of the court, and position play has much to do on rebounding of the ball. Ford had played such a marvelous game at Missouri that we planned to play him in a flange sort of a scheme. Harp was the boy assigned to him on the post. He played on his inside. Harp and Bob Allen arranged among themselves to play him, one inside and one to his off-side. Then we had another man arrange with Bob to take care of his man in certain positions, and another boy to take care of him if he got into other territory. In other words, we played the principle of the zone, but not a straight zone defense. We played man to man, and only when Ford got into unusually dangerous positions did we double on him. It was a rather complicated plan, but we used the same thing on most of our talled opponents. The big Indian, Renick, down at Oklahoma A. & M., came in for the same sort of plan.

Harold, we do not pay so much attention to the particular individual, but we pay more attention to the type of team we are playing. Rice had this big boy Kinney who was enough to try any coach's soul, and the whole Rice team played a tough, rough game under the basket. We stepped up our shooting on Rice, knowing that Rice was off. When we found a team that shot a lot and were pretty hot, then we increased the tempo of our attacks on the basket. We were expecting Southern California to come down the floor to take us as Indiana took us. But Southern California did not do it. After the game, Sam Barry said to me, "You were expecting us to go down the floor and take you, weren't you?", and I said, "Yes, and we were ready for it." He laughed and said, "We knew it - that is why we didn't do it."

Well, Indiana came down the floor and took us, but they did not keep us from scoring 42 points on Indiana, the same number of points that we averaged the entire season in our conference and non-conference games. Our average there was 42 points. So we got as many points against Indiana as we did in our average play for the year, but Indiana had 36% of their shots and we had but 18%, which was far below our shooting average.

In the first ten minutes of the game in Kansas City we had Indiana 10 to 4, and Indiana could not get into the basket at all and we were working right through the Indiana defense. Then they started shooting long ones - someone said they shot one from the North Kansas City bridge. I have never seen a team any hotter, unless it was the team of Drake, Churchill, Holt, et al., in 1929 at the opening of the field house in Norman. I believe that outfit averaged more than 36% of their shots. But Indiana was sizzling, red hot and couldn't miss, and it didn't make any difference whether they were one-hand shots, two-hand shots, or jump shots or underhand - they would literally crawl up from under the