

rim, bounce around and fall in.

I tried to arrange home and home games with Indiana this year immediately after the tournament, but they said their schedule had been completed. I really would like to meet them again, because I don't believe any team could be that hot two nights in succession, or twice in a year, I might say.

Personally, I thought the University of Southern California team had everything that any basketball team should have - they had finesse, height, speed, age, courage, power. A certain coach had this to say about U.S.C. - "They play just hard enough to win. In my opinion they can beat any team in the country if they go after them at the start and keep it up through the game, but they play just hard enough to win."

That was the sermon that I preached to our boys - "This California team plays just hard enough to win, and I believe that they will underestimate your sticking power. They will think they have you down and they will ease up because they play just hard enough to win. If you can have a sustained fight and drive, never letting up once even though you think they have got you down, then you will bounce back at them and you might surprise them." Personally, I believe that is just what happened. On five or six different occasions California had us down from 8 to 10 points, and then they would ease up and just about that time this indefatigable energy and dogged determination of this plucky little Kansas outfit that refused to stay whipped would come back and exert itself in an emphatic fashion.

I remember when Ford beat us at Norman, our boys could not restrain themselves from shooting shots way out on the floor and Ford would tip them in. But from that defeat we learned definitely one thing - to maneuver the ball around to the side and get Ford out of position, and then work the ball in. Of course, it takes a lot more work and more perseverance to do this job, to continue to work this ball at pressing points, but if you have good fundamentals plus the patience, then you will build up more energy but you will still break through the opposing defense, and this is what we did. Time after time other teams would have quit, but Kansas persevered, and it was the peculiar make-up of these boys, fine students with no special consideration for their athletic ability in the way of easy jobs. The kids came to the University for an education and they had the superior understanding that the fellow who was looking for a job on account of his athletic ability does not have. It was just a bunch of thoroughbreds, Harold, that could understand what hard-driving and stick-to-it-iveness meant.

And then the going got tough at Kansas City, as you noticed. At Wichita it was rough and tough with a big experienced Oklahoma team turning on the steam. And the thing that made me proud of them more