

physical condition he could have stood it a lot better.

Now, answering your question why the boys do not pass to him. I agree with you that they do not. But I think, Harold, the reason they do not pass to him is because Ralph divines a play. He sees it ahead of everybody - certainly ahead of everybody else on our team. He moves to the positions so quickly that the other fellows have just begun to open their eyes to the play when Ralph has broken to the position, and many times is too late for the fellows to pass to him. Ralph's peripheral and depth of vision is, doubtless, better than most anyone else in the country. He is a competitor. He is a marvel, Harold, when it comes to doing the impossible things. The only reason that I take him out is because when he slumps the whole team slumps with him.

He is a brilliant barometer. When he picks up and goes the whole team flares, but when he lets down the team sags with him. Therefore, really why I take him out is to inject a charging ferocity by putting in a fighter in his place. Again, if Ralph were in tip-top condition he would not sag. Please understand me that I think Ralph is like a jack rabbit in reactions. Many times he is not as tired as his inertia makes it appear, but it does affect the boys the same as if he were dead tired.

I have had a couple of talks with Ralph and I am going to have another on the way to Iowa, and I believe when Ralph sees my viewpoint he will not be so apparent in his letdown. He straightens up, rather relaxes, and with the attitude of "devil may care". Now that is good competitive strategy for an individual if he were not the top leader of the team. You, having coached, will get what I mean, I believe.

I want to congratulate you on teaching this boy to pass to teammates regardless of his personal like and dislike. He certainly does that to a queen's taste. Ralph is not a vindictive boy. I don't believe you could get him to fight with his fists unless it was a matter of absolute honor and self-protection. I believe that he thinks it is not intelligent to fight unless you have a great principle. And I honor him for that because he uses his brains where many fellows want to use their brawn.

I am glad he went to Kansas, and I think Ralph is going to finish with a fine year. I am sorry that the football team had as little success as it did have, but everywhere they recognize Ralph's greatness as a football player. The Missouri people down at Columbia said, "If we had had Miller there wouldn't have been a team in the United States that could have touched us."