

coaching. I am not sure just who is the cause of this but I have a pretty definite conviction (and pointing a finger at Amen) that this boy, Paul Amen, is largely responsible for this muckerish exhibition."

I had seen Amen on the baseball and football field and the basketball court, and he is one of those rough, tough mongrel types that accepts no decision with good grace.

It was time for the game to start and Lewendowski had no opportunity to speak to the men. The same players kept it up and before long Thompson was sent to the bench on four personal fouls.

Immediately after the game Thompson and these troublemakers came up, at the request of Lewendowski, and apologized to me. I said, "That is all right. Forget it." Lewendowski also sent the players to Engleman and Bob. Bob refused to accept it by merely waving the offenders aside and saying, "Just forget it now. We won't think any more of it."

Now here is my guess on this joust, Mac. Three young fellows, Elwyn Dees, Lewendowski and Amen, came to Lawrence with a lot of pep and spizerinktum and they were going to pull the old strategical verbal blitzkrieg of upsetting the boys. Elwyn had the background on a lot of the Allen family, Amen had the muckerish tendency because I have seen him in action many times, and Lewendowski had the ambition to succeed in his first year of coaching. They forgot the things that had been taught them as to behavior and sporting decency and apparently cooked this up in their quarters during their idle hours before the game.

Lewendowski called me up Sunday night after he arrived in town and I went down to the Eldridge Hotel and visited with Dees, Lewendowski, Amen and Mike Getto, who happened to be in the suite. Lewendowski is a pretty swell fellow who parries a mental thrust with a lot of good-natured camaraderie and an answer that can be used two different ways. He is quite a mental whip and his good-natured manner could easily put a fellow on a uneasy spot if he would permit it.

He began in a good-natured way about the band bothering his boys. I answered that the band was not behind his team and Dees confirmed my statement. The dressing room was the next question discussed and he did a lot of kidding about that. It was small, ill-ventilated, and all that. I answered that we had two large dressing rooms in the gymnasium, one right across from where we dressed, that we used the dressing room in the gym and walked over and if he wanted to use the other large dressing room in the gym and walk over he could do that. He finally decided to use the dressing room in the auditorium. Some of the Big-Six teams use the smaller dressing room in the auditorium, but most of them use the larger one in the gymnasium. He had his choice and he chose the auditorium.

The next thing was tickets. It was too bad that they could not get tickets; all the seats had been sold out. We answered him to the effect that he could have tickets. That we always reserved enough for the visitros so they would not be sut out and if he would come up the next morning and see Mr. Falkenstien, the Financial Secretary, he would get his tickets.