

It seemed to me as if they ran with the ball a lot on their starting of the dribble. It puts quite a burden on the guard and you have to switch pretty quickly to keep them from driving past you in a hard, vigorous fashion. They do a lot of one-hand shooting when they swing around near the free-throw line. In fact, I thought they did too much one-hand shooting.

As I have stated, the guards shot a great deal but were not too accurate. Hull, who plays guard and who is captain, played a forward position last year and is a good man; in fact, I think he is the best man on the squad when it comes to the offense. He drives by and draws fouls pretty cleverly, but you can drop your forwards back and have them help your guards and center on the rebound. They will have to do this if you cope with their size and aggressiveness. If you keep your forwards out in front ready for a fast-break I am afraid they will beat you rebounding.

They are double tough, big and aggressive, and you will have to pull your forwards back very deep to help out your defensive men. I think you understand what I mean.

Of course, this means that you are going to have to fast-break them, but I do not believe I would start fast-breaking too early because if your team is a little nervous it may throw them off in shooting. We started to fast-break too early the first game and it took quite a while for us to settle our men down. I instructed our boys the second half of the first game to go out there and set up their plays and set them up carefully and methodically. It was not long before we were able to tie the score and then we went ahead and stayed there. Later in the game we fast-broke them after we got our bearings.

Our first game was much easier to win than the second one. These boys thrive on hard scrimmages and they can stand a lot of it, so you had better have your boys take out time when they get awfully tired, because your men will show the wear sooner than these Texas boys who are accustomed to this fast, aggressive and heavy scrimmaging that they seem to do so much of.

I trust this gives you the information that you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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