

"We try to teach our basketball boys self control, poise, cool under fire stuff, yet we turn around and act like maniacs ourselves during the ball game."

**"The only criticism I have to make of the coaches in general is that they are a little lax in answering correspondence and in some cases they do not even answer letters."**

"When a visiting coach appears with his men to change for the game, or to watch the usual preliminary for a few minutes, the home coach should make it a point to see him, shake hands, ask about his needs, and explain what is being done to take care of him or the team. After the game, a coach should get up at the timer's table and at least go through the motions of shaking hands."

"As respects the selection of officials, I find that too often these men are chosen without a mutual consideration of both coaches. Especially in intersectional games some coaches will still assume the complete jurisdiction of choosing officials for their home games. They are chosen with utter disregard of the approval of the visiting coach. In some instances the choice of officials is not even disclosed to the visiting coach until his arrival for the game. The coaches of our game should be imbued with such principles of correct conduct as to respect the rights of his fellow coach and especially those boys whose efforts to play the game on the square should not be overshadowed by a tendency or practice to win the game before it is played."

**"Too frequently, in non-conference or intersectional games, the home coach is too quick to take advantage of the opportunity to prepare a testing laboratory for a new official; to submit to the pressure of constant influence to use some local official; to repay some previous good turn and the result is the use of officials whose judgment and ability in these particular games is too greatly influenced in favor of local viewpoints to make it possible or even plausible that such an official be able to work a fair and impartial contest."**

"The problem of good behavior for the welfare of the game demands that coaches be fair with their fellow coach and fair to the game itself by zealously guarding the interest of both. The field of the coach, outside his relations with other coaches and officials, should serve as an opportunity to "light the torch" of tolerance, kindness and friendliness. Criticism of the game, its rules or the work of fellow coaches is strictly poor behavior. Coaches should guard their talk and statements to the press criticizing the game or their fellow coach; statements of which make good reading and attract attention, but reflect generally on the game. That which hurts the game hurts all of us."

The Committee submits that these problems, which you have considered before, be accepted by

each of you as evils of a great sport. That each of you in your own committees endeavor to be a guiding influence in setting up a behavior that will reflect the principles of the Coaches Creed and tend to reduce to a minimum any influences that might be destructive or retard the progress of our game.

It is suggested that a closer acquaintance be set up with your fellow coach and with the officials. A key note of friendliness breeds greater respect for the rights of each other. Be tolerant, unselfish, and do to your fellow coach as you would desire that he do to you. The game is prospering throughout the United States and with its growth you must be always alert to keep pace with conduct that will continue to make it possible for the game to be a contributing factor in the American Educational program.

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## EAR MUFFS FOR THIS GAME

Hillsdale College in Michigan, wearing earmuffs, caps and heavy sweaters and sweatershirts won over a similarly clad team from Ohio Griffin Junior College recently. It was 28 above zero in the fieldhouse due to broken heating system . . . Moe Becker, sharpshooter of last year's Duquesne team, is scouting Eastern opponents for Coach Chick Davies when he gets a chance to leave his Aberdeen, Md., army base . . . The freshman schedule at the University of Buffalo has been cancelled due to "lack of material".

Wilson Schwenk, nation's major school individual leader in total offense (pass and running) during past grid season, is captain of the Washington U. (St. Louis) basketball team which handed Loyola of Chicago one of its two losses . . . 15 out of 26 on Notre Dame's squad claim Irish blood in their veins, some of it slightly diluted, however . . . Squad members voted fullback Ettinger back in good standing with the Kansas U. basketball squad after Coach Phog Allen had dropped him "for the good of all concerned" . . . Duquesne is said to control the ball as if it was a part of the team's personal equipment rather than the neutral object which the rules prescribe.

Branch McCracken, coaching for three years at Indiana U., is at least one victory up on every Big Ten foe . . . Notre Dame is in charge of Ray Meyer on road trips. George Keogan handles the team at home, but is still under doctor's orders not to travel.