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busy. I usually have the assistant managers help me. One man can handle the center tap and field goal tries, another man takes inaccurate passing, etc.

At the finish of the first half it takes but a moment to total all results and the coach can take one glance at the sheet and determine exactly the number of times his team received the center tap, the number of inaccurate passes made, the accuracy of field goals tried, the foul goal record, and the backboard play shows whether or not his team is following their shots, just how many times the opponent's guards took the ball from the backboard, etc. This is of great help to the coach between halves in remedying his teams play for the succeeding half. The total results at the end of the game, when studied, show at what particular points his team succeeded or failed and hence is of value in future coaching.

As I told you at Massillon the big difference in play between the more expert player and the less experienced is in ball handling. Note the total number of inaccurate passes in the professional game as compared with the total number of inaccurate passes in the intramural game.

I inclosed two blank sheets. One for games played in quarters and one for games played in halves.

I trust the explanation of the sheet is clear. Will be glad to answer any questions you might ask about this score sheet.

I can see how it can be improved upon. For instance:--One team may have more inaccurate passes than the other team because of handling the ball more often. This can be improved by correlating the time each team has the ball with a stop watch, then compare the number of inaccurate passes with the length of time each team has the ball in its possession. However these figures show, I believe, there are too many players who do not have the proper respect for that ball when in their possession. Many other deductions can be drawn, I think, from this sheet, but they are too numerous to mention here.

I appreciated our talk at the "Y" at Massillon. I have started basketball practice here at Bucknell.

Dr. Allen, I felt that I received from you at Massillon more than expert basketball knowledge. You are more than a basketball coach, you are a real educator. It was a pleasure and an inspiration to have attended the school at which you were one of the instructors.

By the way, I had a letter recently from an old team mate of mine, "Scow" Garner, a ^{brother}fraternity of yours and a personal friend of Forrest (Frosty) Cox. Garner is manager, I believe, of the Jackson County Light, Heat & Power Co, Independence, Miss. You may know him.

I see where K.U. played a fine game against Notre Dame. May you have a most successful season.

Kind regards in all things.

Sincerely,

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