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Works on New Scoring Plan

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LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 23—A rating system by which a basketball player is given points for all work contributing to scoring, and is penalized for acts which detract from good team records, is being worked out at the University of Kansas by Dr. Forrest C. Allen, basketball coach, and chairman of the department of physical education. He is being assisted in the problem, both in the compilation of records and the evaluation of services, by Prof. E. R. Elbel, and Dr. Vernon Lapp, members of the physical education faculty. Major students in the department handle many of the details. The K. U. News Bureau gets into the picture through its recording of minutes each player is in the game, and its time-recording of scoring.

Details of the technique are still subject to modification, but in general the Allen rating system endeavors to assign various positive points for meritorious work, and negative points, for work that detracts. By dividing net points a player has made by the number of minutes he was in the game, an evaluation ratio is obtained by which the playing worth of players may be compared.

Evaluation Points

The plan, for example, assigns nine evaluation points for making a field goal; six for a free throw; four for an "immediate assist"—passing the ball to the player who scores; and so on down to single points for a good pass or the good catching of a teammate's pass.

A negative point is given a player for an "error of omission,"—failure to pass to an open teammate. Fumbling a ball so that an opponent gets it merits two negative points; a wild throw to an opponent draws four minus; a personal foul is minus eight.