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March 25, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir:

In the belief that Kansas would represent the Western half of the country, I charted the two games played last week-end. I am sending what little information I have in the hope that it may prove to be of some value.

I am attaching a chart of the game between Indiana and Springfield, Massachusetts. Unfortunately, this game was not very closely contested and does not present a true picture, but does serve to show that as a rule Indiana does not take very many shots from past the free throw circle. The numbers in black indicate the man who shot and the position on the floor, with a circle around the successful shots. Red indicates a foul made, while blue indicates a foul made in a player's own offensive end of the court.

This Indiana outfit is good. Their starting team will probably be composed of McCreary and Shaeffer at forward, W. Menke at center, with Dro and Huffman at guard. Shaeffer and McCreary are both about 5' 10" and are exceptionally fast and very clever. They both shoot with either hand but definitely prefer the right side just off of the free throw lane. They both fake very nicely, pivot either way, and if a shot isn't open one of them will break toward the pivotman for a fast, short pass and shot. This break will usually come from the side opposite the man with the ball.

Menke, the center, is about 6' 2", whose favorite shot is a right handed push shot which he will take almost from the side line, but will, of course, come in as close to the basket as possible. He very seldom shoots from the left side of the court. These three boys in the forward line work extremely well together and throughout a season's play will score about the same. Menke is, as a rule, the "feeder" to the two forwards, and when he is out the play is not as effective. They are all ball hawks and recover a great many rebounds which they will shoot immediately in preference to passing the ball out.

Dro at guard is about 6' 1" and his play reminds me a great deal of Frosty Cox. He is rugged, a fair shot and will break for the basket



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when the opportunity presents itself. Huffman, also at guard, will shoot from just beyond the free throw circle and will, as a rule, play in a little closer than Dro. He breaks well and hits a good percentage of set shots and is fairly good on right-handed push shots.

Armstrong will see quite a bit of play, and he will take shots from either side of the court. If he is hot, he is tough, but he appears to be rather easily disgusted and his efficiency decreases in proportion.

As you probably know, Indiana plays an extremely fast break and it is not at all unusual for them to pass the entire length of the floor. As far as I could see whenever I saw them play they had no set plays but depended on clever ball handling, fast breaks and one-handed fast shots. To my mind, the man with the ball should be played fairly close with quick pivots in mind, but the men without the ball should be played a little looser with a fast break in mind. This team very seldom passes to the free throw circle, but rather to one side or the other, at which time their fast breaks come in to play.

Duquesne bothered their offense quite a bit by crowding the area right around the basket. One of your guards, if not immediately being used in offense, should constantly be on the alert as soon as there is a chance that Indiana will recover the ball, as the fast break will often shake two or three men loose. When I say fast break, I do mean fast.

Indiana employs a strict man for man defense and shifts only when absolutely necessary. It seems to me that some of your screening plays should be effective. They will not go out much further than six feet from the free throw circle on defense unless the opponents start getting too hot on their long shots. A guard like Fred Pralle would do very well against this team, due to his accuracy on long shots, coupled with his fast break. Another spot that is usually not too closely watched is on either side of the basket about six feet in from the side-line. As I recall, you used to have a play that gave a man a good shot from this spot. It should be effective.

I hope this small amount of dope will be of interest to you in the game Saturday.

It is amazing how good the people in Indiana think their basketball is. They think no one else can compare at all. As far as that goes, though, they are good. Don't sell this team short as they are tough in any league.

The best of luck to you and the boys.

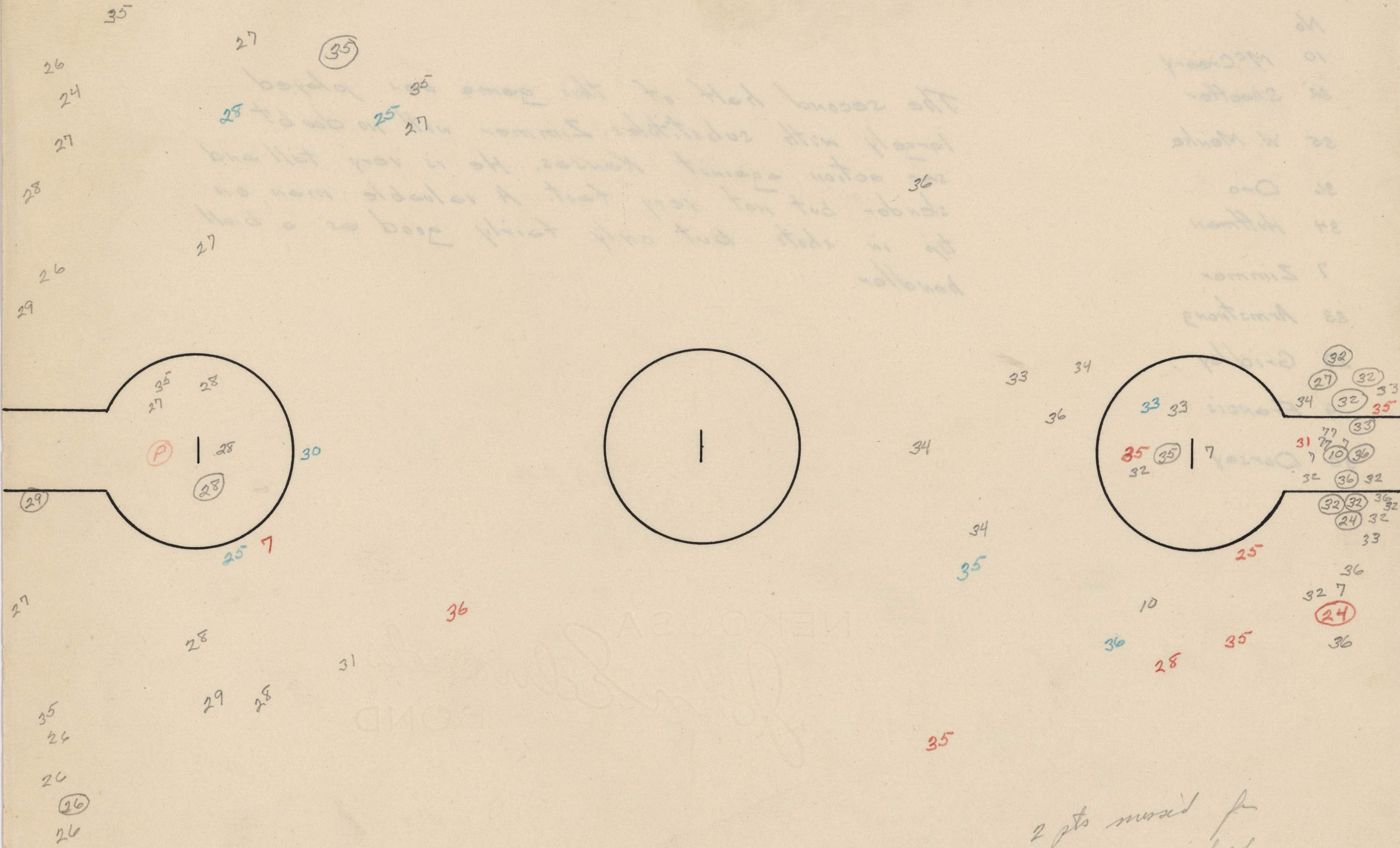
Yours very truly,

*Stew Chambers*



Springfield (Mass.) vs Indiana

1st Half



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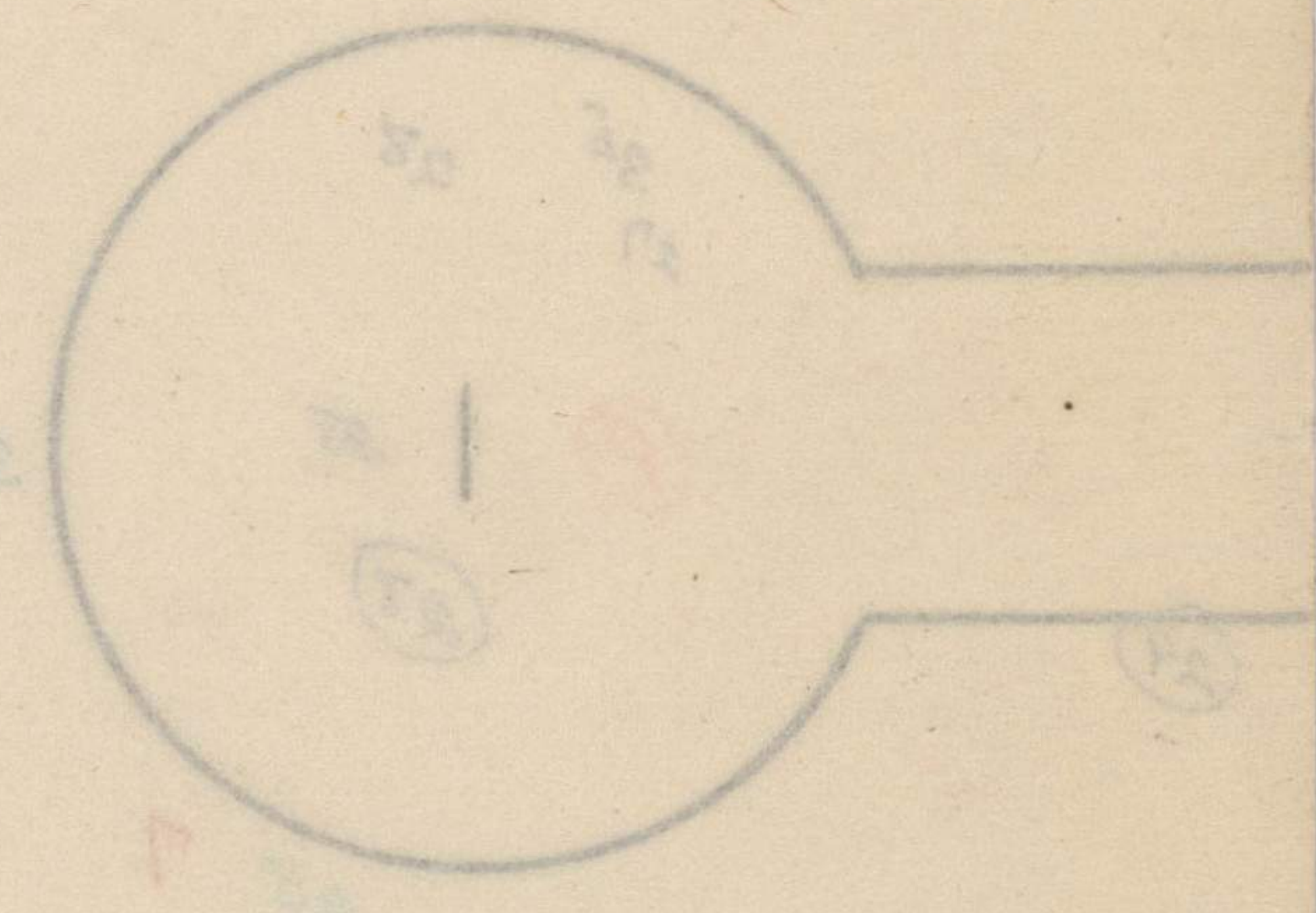
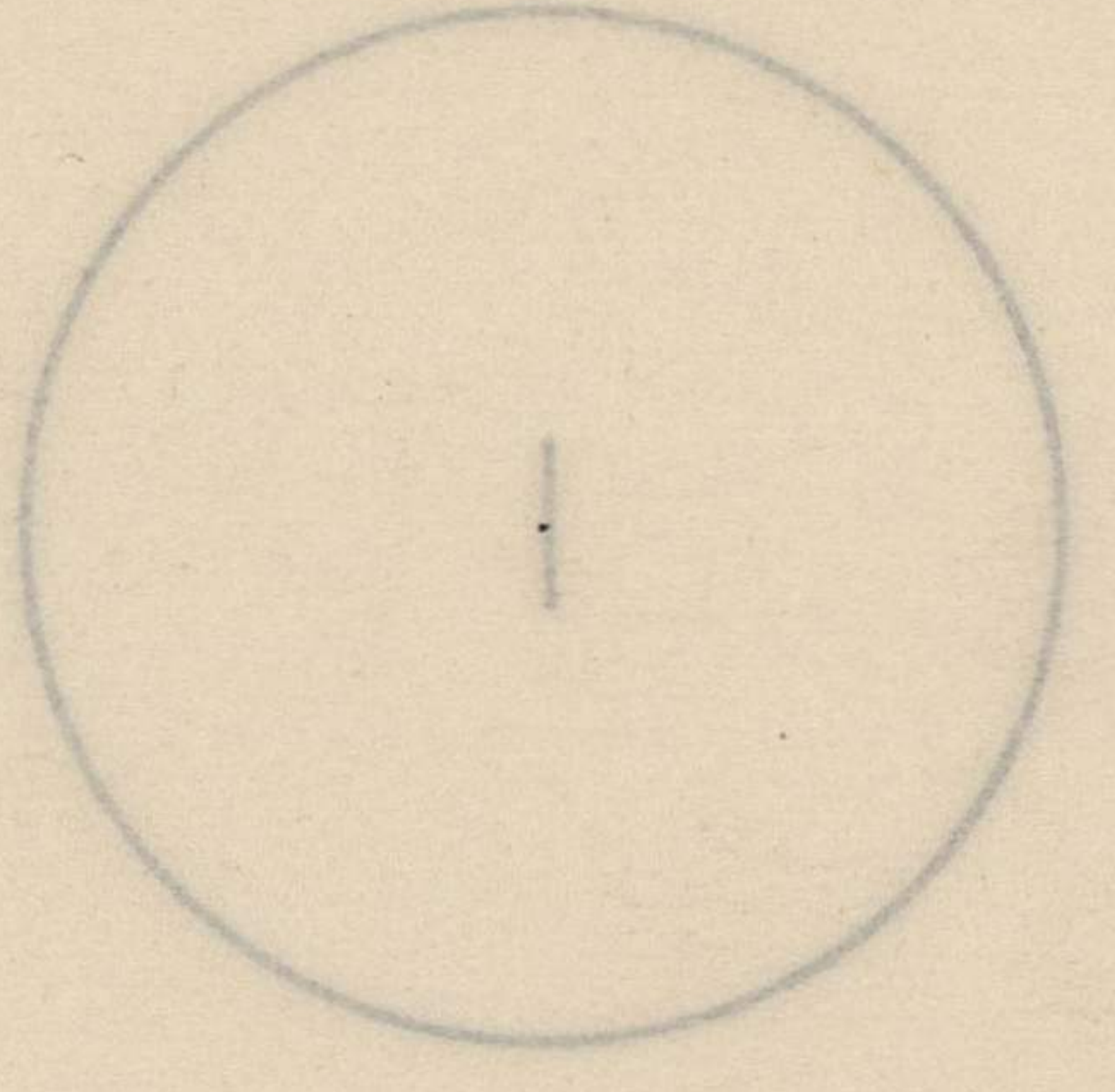
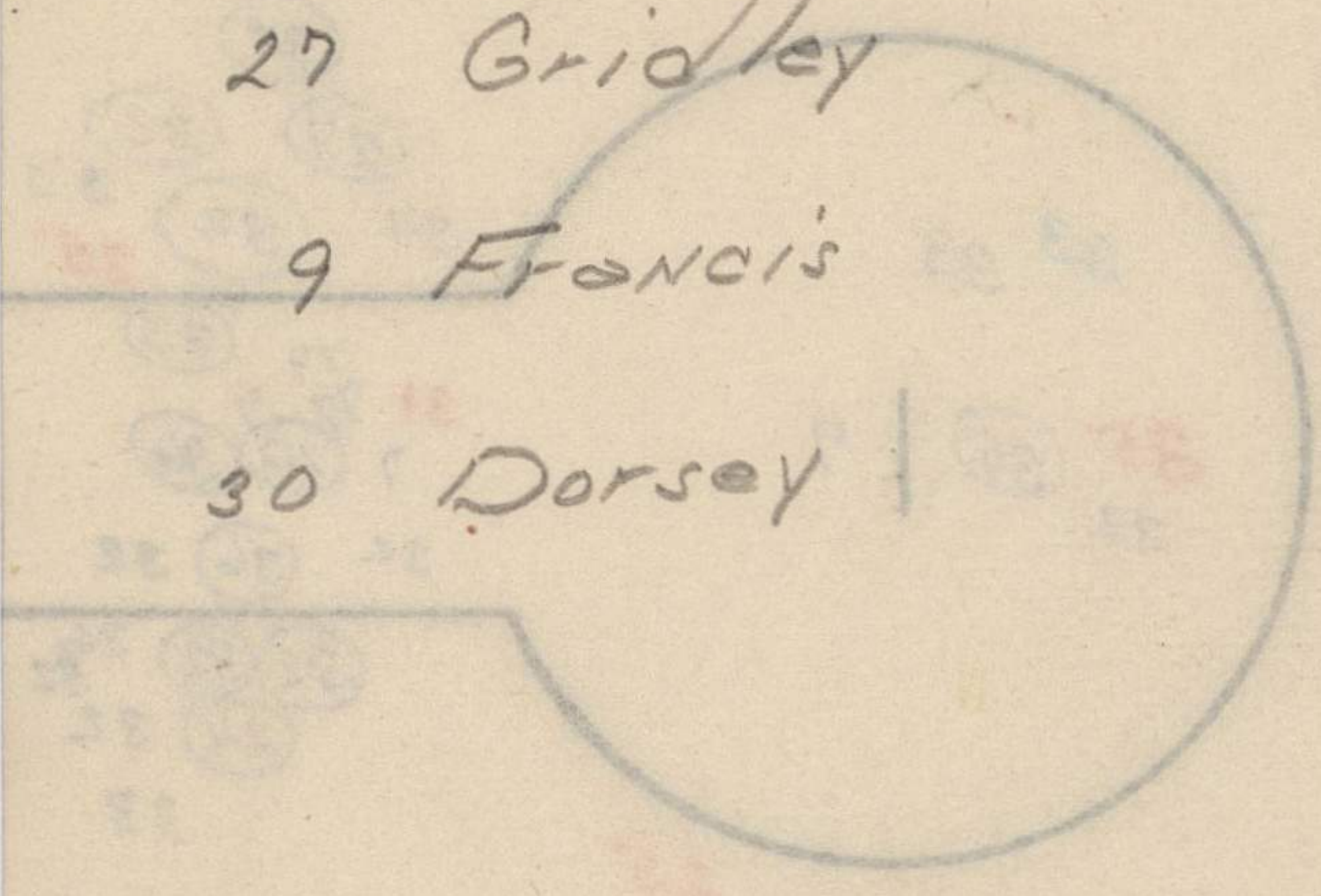
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Springfield (Mass.) vs Indians  
1st Half

- No
- 10 McCreary
- 32 Sheetter
- 35 W. Menke
- 36 Dro
- 34 Huffman
- 7 Zimmer
- 33 Armstrong
- 27 Gridley
- 9 Francis
- 30 Dorsey

The second half of this game was played largely with substitutes. Zimmer will no doubt see action against Kansas. He is very tall and slender but not very fast. A valuable man on tip in shots but only fairly good as a ball handler.





Indiana vs Springfield (Mass.)  
← Second Half →

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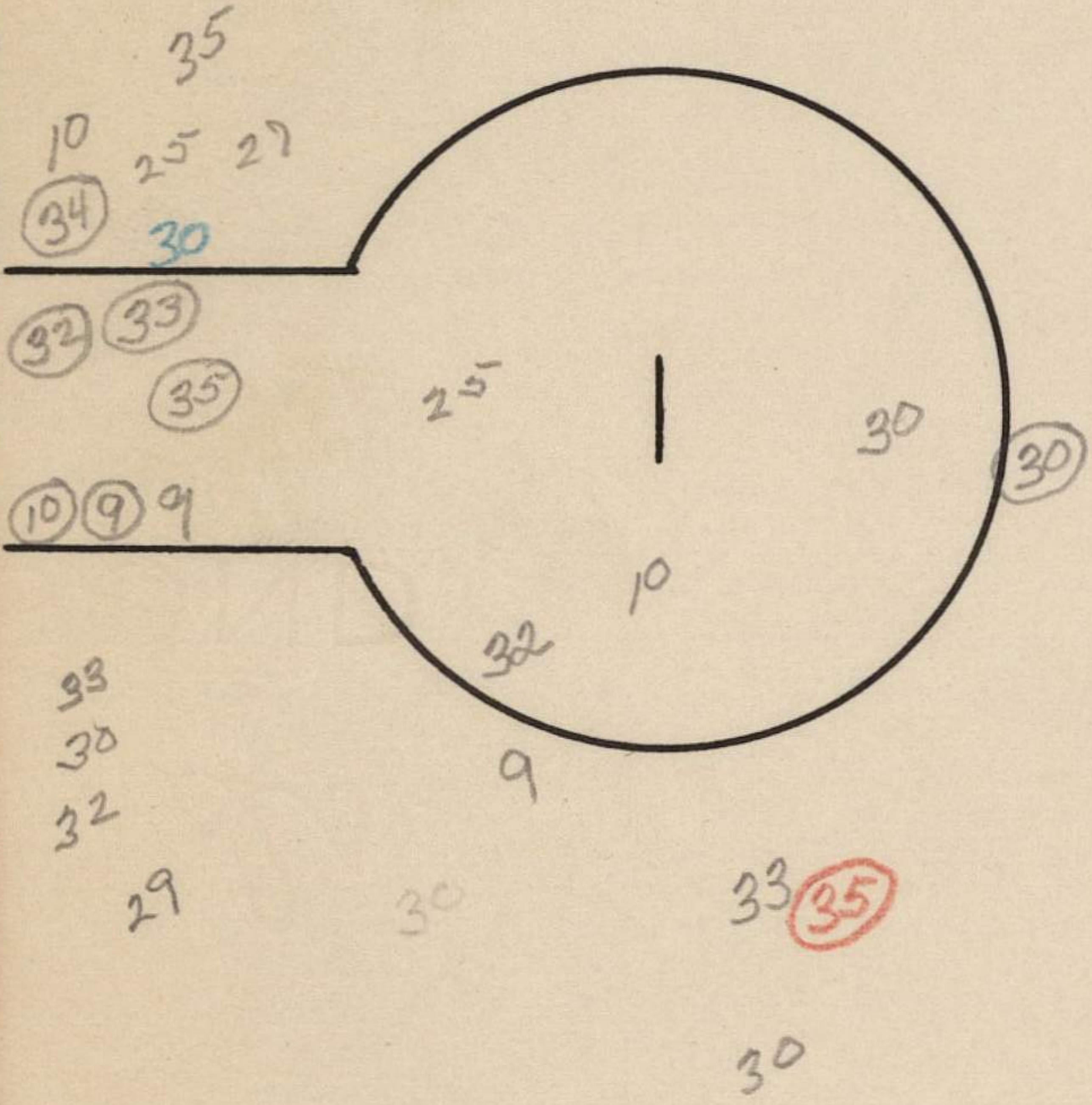
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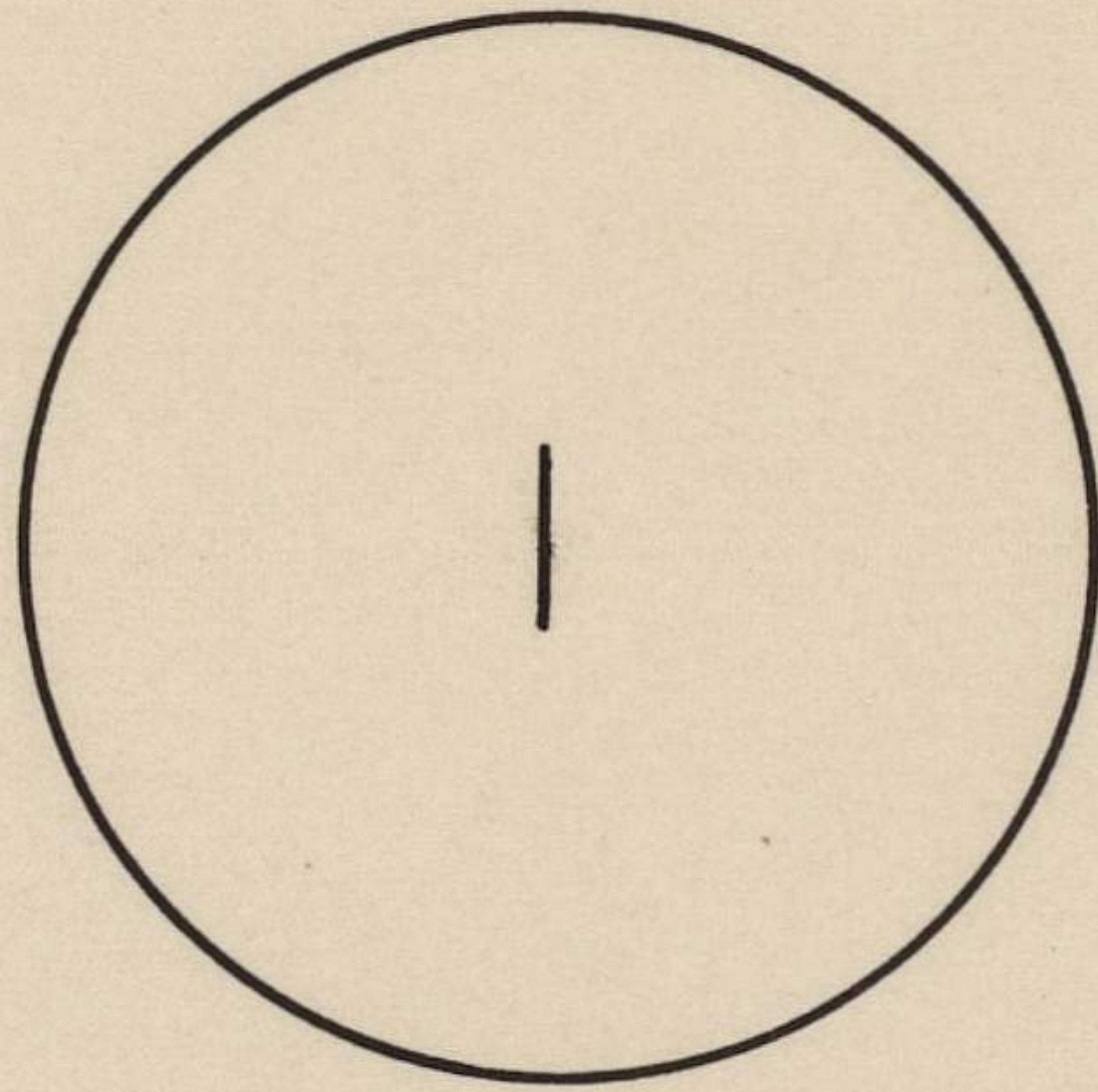
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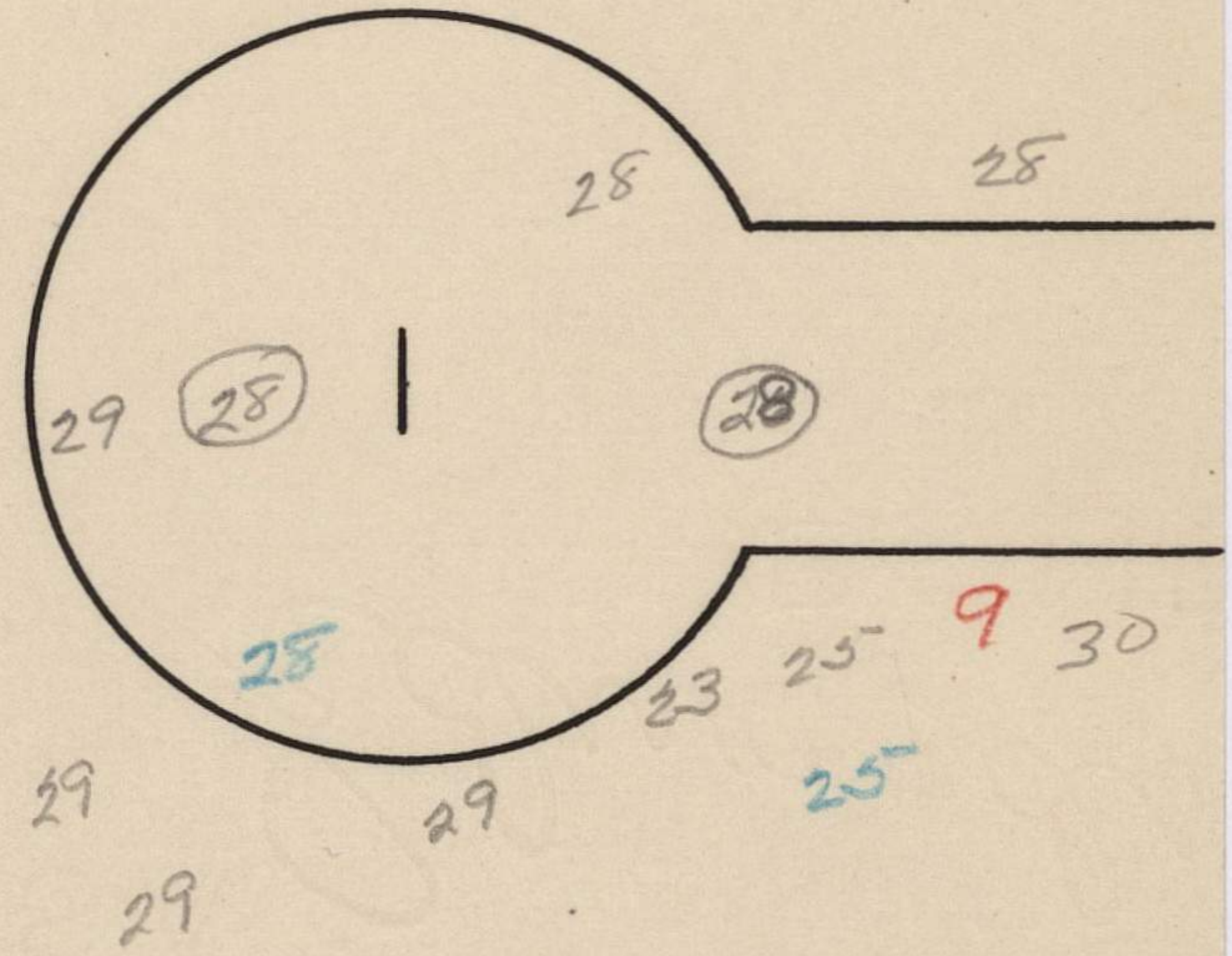


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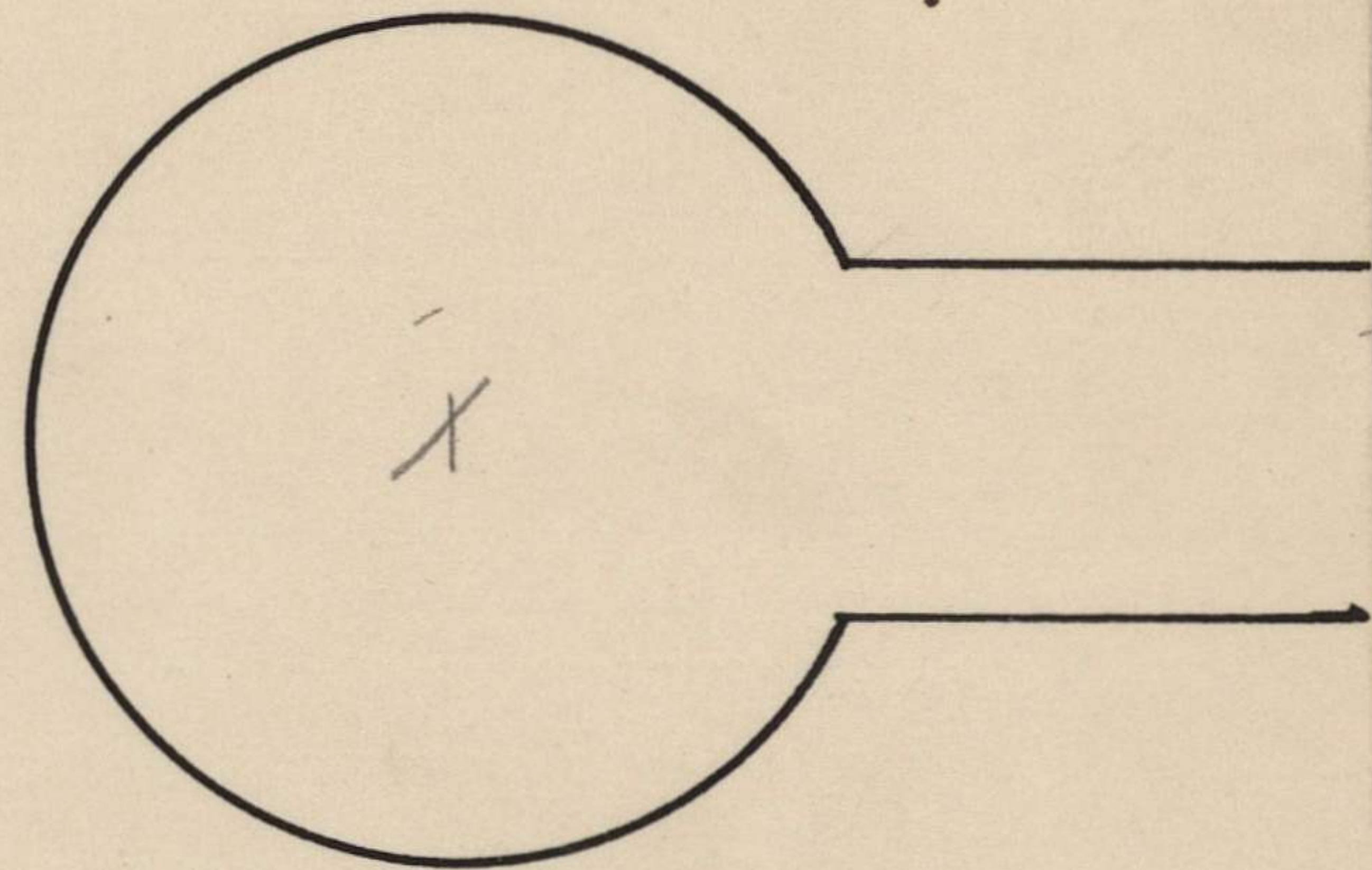
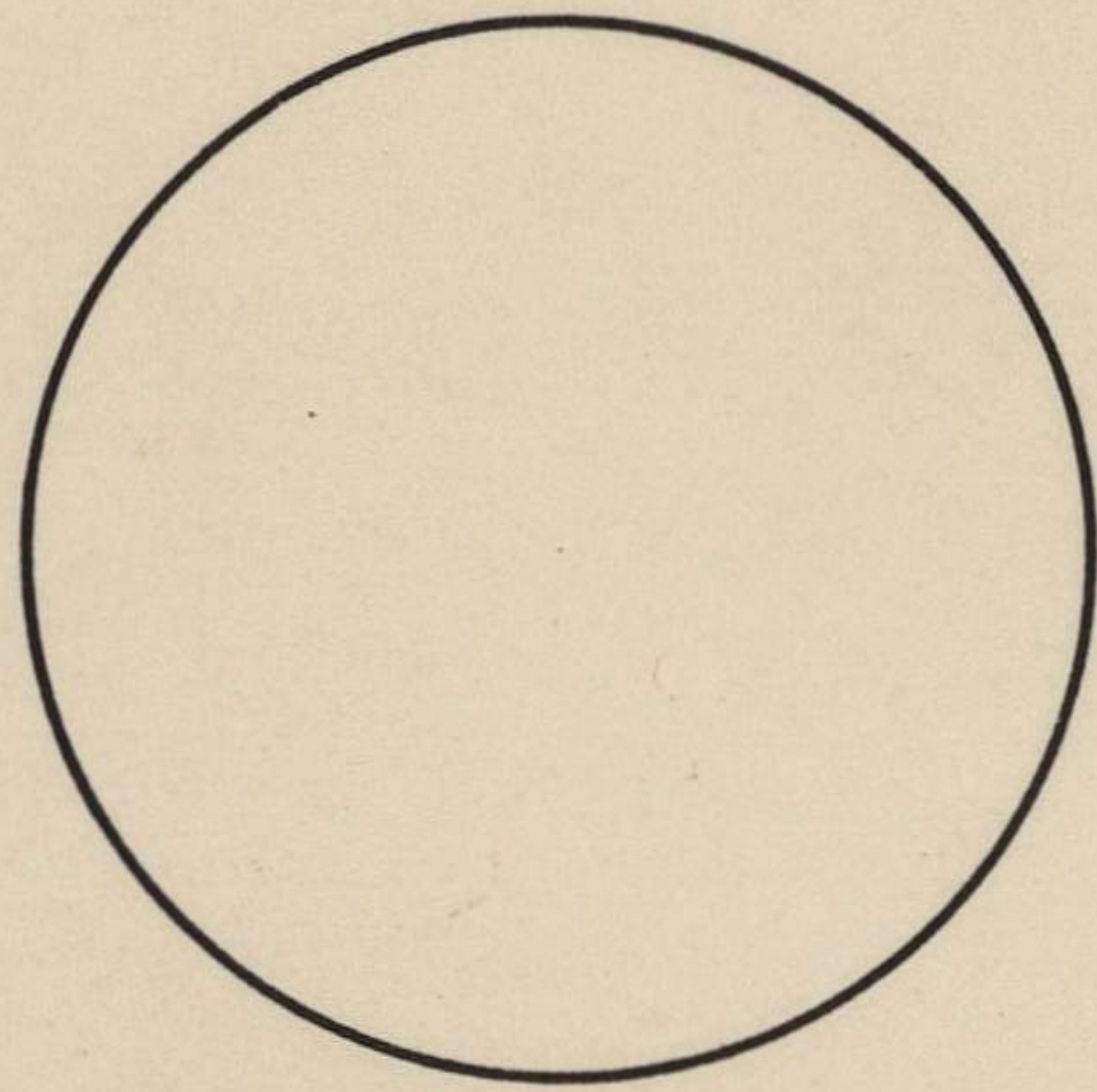
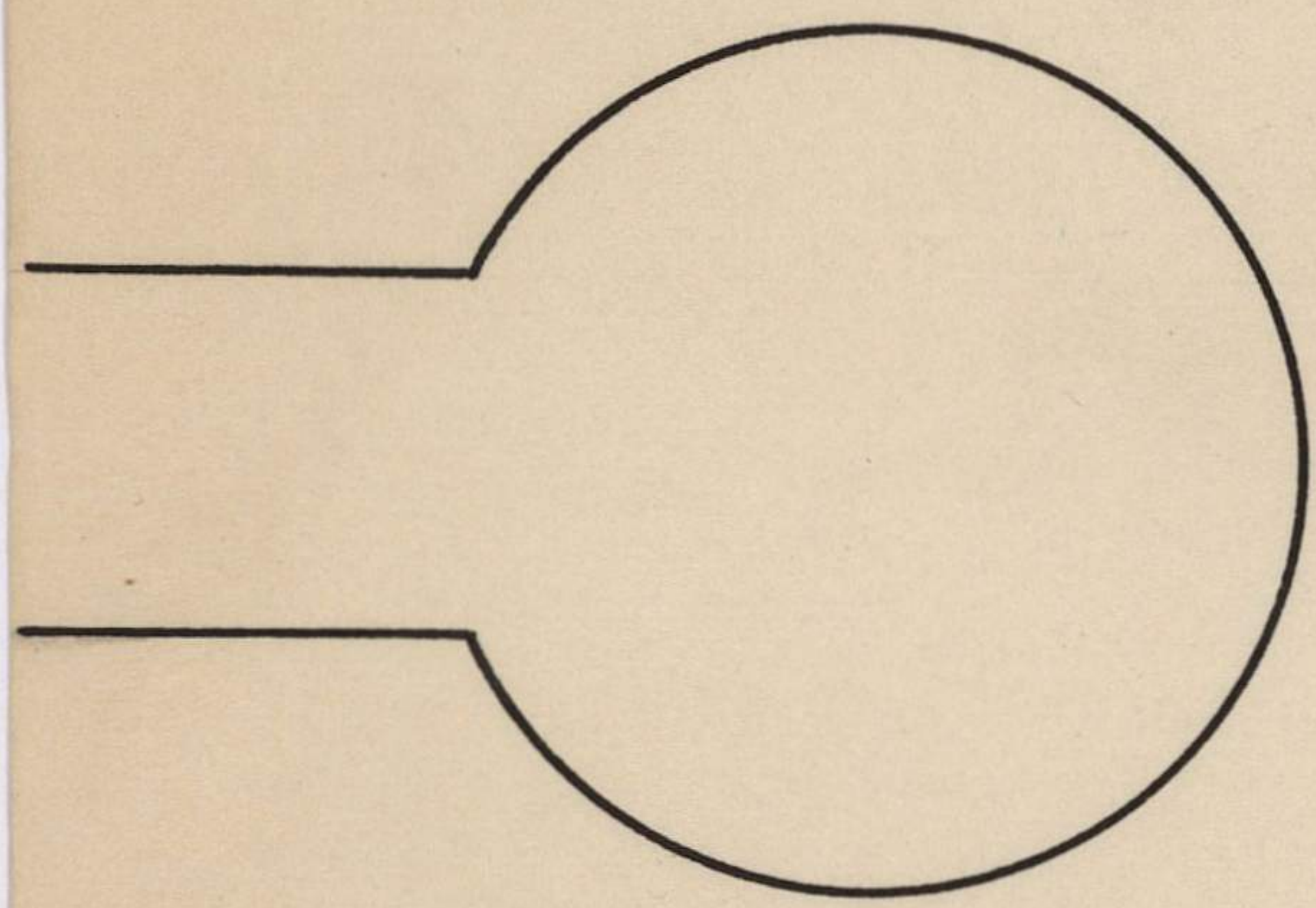
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I have marked the spots that seem to be fairly well open. The fire thru crib will be open only for a fast break with one man's guard screened off.

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Indiana  
University of ~~Indiana~~

1940 Record

Indiana	37	Wabash	24
Indiana	58	Zavier	24
Indiana	49	Nebraska	39
Indiana	51	Pittsburgh	35
Indiana	40	Butler	33
Indiana	51	Duquesne	49
Indiana	45	Villanova	33
Indiana	38	Illinois	36
Indiana	45	Iowa	30
Indiana	44	Minnesota	46 ✓
Indiana	40	Wisconsin	34
Indiana	51	DePaul	30
Indiana	46	Purdue	39
Indiana	57	Michigan	30
Indiana	36	Northwestern	40 ✓
Indiana	46	Iowa	42
Indiana	38	Chicago	34

~~Indiana~~

Indiana	26	Ohio State	44 ✓
Indiana	51	Purdue	45
Indiana	52	Ohio State	31

Playoffs

Indiana	48	Springfield	24
Indiana	<u>39</u>	Duquesne	<u>30</u>

988 totals 772

Won 19 Lost 3

Averaged 45 pts. a game

Opponents averaged 35 pts. a game



University of Indiana

Roster

	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Home
F- 33 Paul Armstrong	5'11"	170	Jr.	Fort Wayne
F- 32 Herman Schaefer	6'	175	Jr.	Fort Wayne
C- 35 Bill Menke	6'3"	175	Jr.	Huntingburg
G- 34 Marvin/ <sup>Huffman</sup> <del>Annabnong</del>	6'2"	185	Sr.	Newcastle
G- 36 Bob Dro	5'11"	190	Jr.	Berne
F- 7 Andy Zimmer	6'4"	175	Soph.	Goodland
F- 9 Chet Francis	6'1"	170	Jr.	Danville
C- 29 BobMenke	6'3"	165	Jr.	Huntingburg
G- 10 Jay McCreary	5'10"	145	Jr.	Frankfort
G- 27 Jim Gridley	6'	170	Jr.	Vevay
F- Ralph Dorsey	5'10"	175	Sr.	Horse Cave, Ky.
F- Bill Frey	6'1"	175	Soph.	Kokomo



University of Indiana

Scoring

Regular Season

	FG	FT	Pts.	Ave.
Paul Armstrong, f	70	40	180	9.0
Bill Menke, c	63	32	158	7.9
Herman Schaefer, f	65	23	153	7.65
Bob Dro, g	59	11	129	6.45
Jay McCreary, g	32	15	79	4.2
Marvin Huffman, g	32	10	74	3.7
Andy Zimmer, c	10	4	24	1.6
Bob Menke, c	10	4	24	1.4
Chet Francis, f	8	2	18	1.5
Ralph Dorsey, f	7	5	19	1.2
Jim Gridley, g	6	5	17	1.1

Two Playoff Games

	Pts.
Herman Schaefer, f	22
Bill Menke, c	14
Paul Armstrong, f	13
Marvin Huffman, g	12
Bob Dro, g	10



## Indiana Personalities

FORWARD- Paul Armstrong, junior, 21, 170, 5'11", Fort Wayne, Ind. Was captain of basketball, also all-state selection. Plays softball in summer. Enrolled in School of Education, plans to coach. Has been playing basketball with Herman Schaefer since 4th ~~mm~~ grade. Member Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Worked in brewery last summer. Team's leading scorer this season. Lettered last year also.

FORWARD- Herman Schaefer, junior forward, 21, 175, 6', Fort Wayne, Ind. Has been playing basketball since 4th grade. Was co-captain high school basketball team, all-regional and all-state second team two years. Of German descent. Plans to coach. Is enrolled in School of Education. Was not in school second semester last year and did not win award. Is member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Worked on state highway last summer.

CENTER- Bill Menke, junior, 21, 175, 6'3", Huntingburg, Ind. Graduate of Huntingburg high school and attended Kemper Military Academy. Honorary captain of basketball at Huntingburg, all-state player at Kemper. Started playing basketball in ~~mmmm~~ 1929. Favorite food is T-bone steak and chief recreation is playing tennis. Of German descent. Enrolled in School of Business. Member Sigma Chi fraternity. Winner of intramural cross country run the past two years.

GUARD- Captain Marvin Huffman, senior, 22, 185, 6'2", Newcastle, Ind. Of German-English, Irish descent. Graduate of Newcastle high school, where he was all-state in basketball, captain of the team. Also played football and was captain of the baseball team. Is in the School of Business. Started playing basketball as a freshman in high school, when he made the varsity team. Spent the summer carrying ice. Knee injury as a freshman kept him out of football. Is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Is a brother of Vernon Huffman, co-captain and all-American basketball guard in 1936-37 of the Indiana team, and another brother, Gilbert, was captain this year of the University of Tennessee basketball team.



Indiana Personalities (cont.)

GUARD- Bob "Moose" Dro, junior, 21, 190, 5'11", Derne, Ind. Graduate of Derne high school, Was captain of both basketball and baseball, and all-state in both sports. Of Swiss descent. Favorite food is banana pie. Enrolled in School of Education. Hopes to break into major league baseball. Won letter in baseball as well as basketball last year. Is member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Spent summer as playground instructor.

(First Substitute)

GUARD- Jay McCreay, junior, 21, 145, 5'10", Frankfort, Ind. Graduate of Frankfort high school, Was captain and all-state forward on Frankfort's championship team of 1936, also participating in football and track. Of Scotch-Irish descent. Won letter two years ago, but was not in school last year. Enrolled in School of Education, plans to teach and coach. Member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Worked in soft drink bottling plant last summer.



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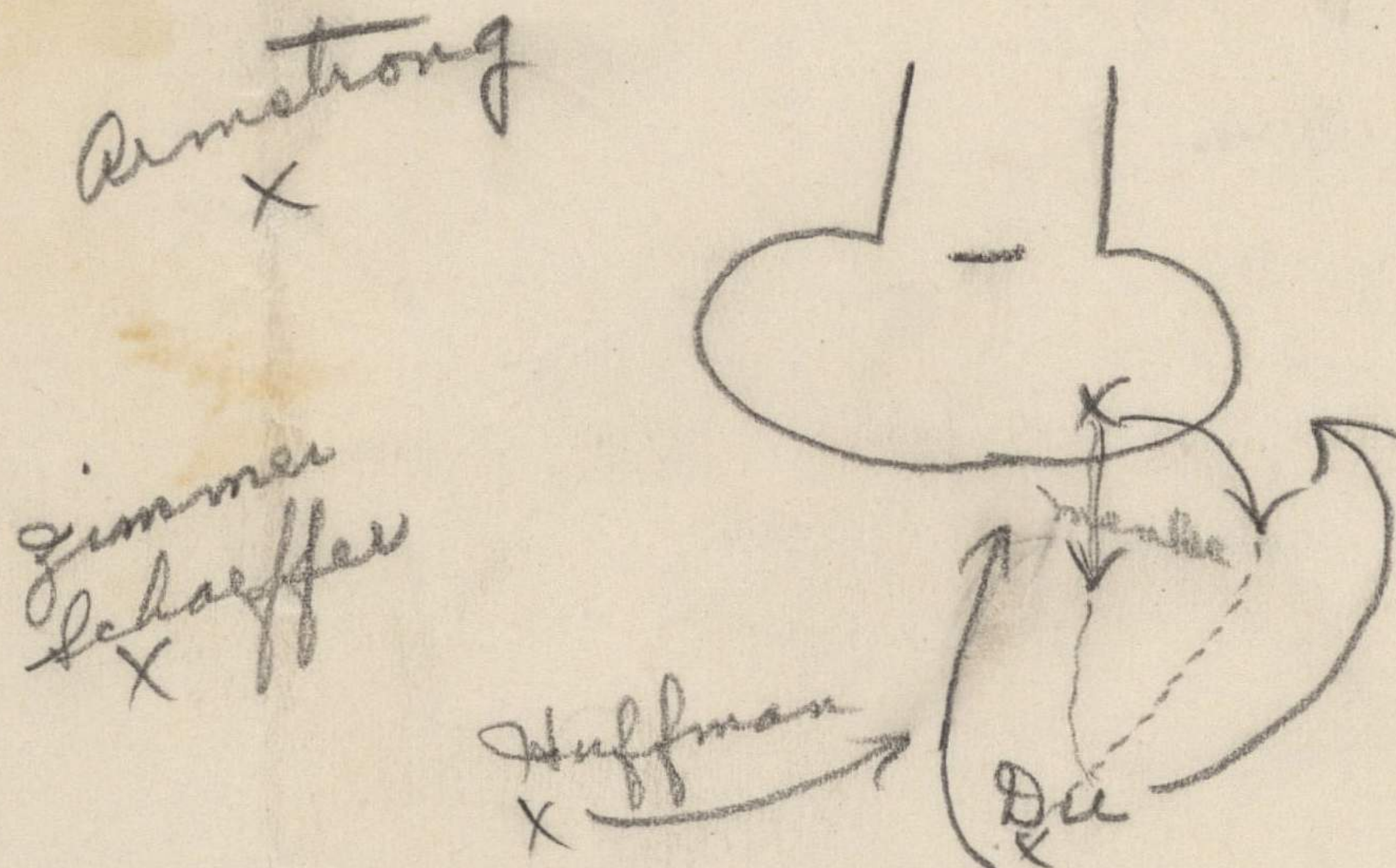
Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Varsity Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Since leaving Kansas City on Monday morning I have contact-  
ed a number of reliable sources by phone and wire relative  
to the type of team the University of Indiana has this year.  
From the general concensus of opinion regarding the Hoosier  
Five can be condensed in the following paragraphs.

The Indiana offense is of the fast break type using crazy  
one-handed shots from any place on the floor while going  
full speed, but it must be remembered that while taking  
these off balanced shots the team follows hard on the board.  
The teams that were successful in beating Indiana this year  
stopped their rebound game first then their fast breaking  
offense secondly.

Offense Set-Up



About the only set offense that Indiana uses, and it is  
really not what one might call a set offense, Mencke breaks  
down first to the free throw area and either breaks out  
for a pass or goes to the side line for a pass before shoot-  
ing a right handed hook shot.

Outlined below is a brief summary of the personnel of the  
Indiana team: Du is best going around the outside and is  
just a fair shot from the floor but is good on driving in.



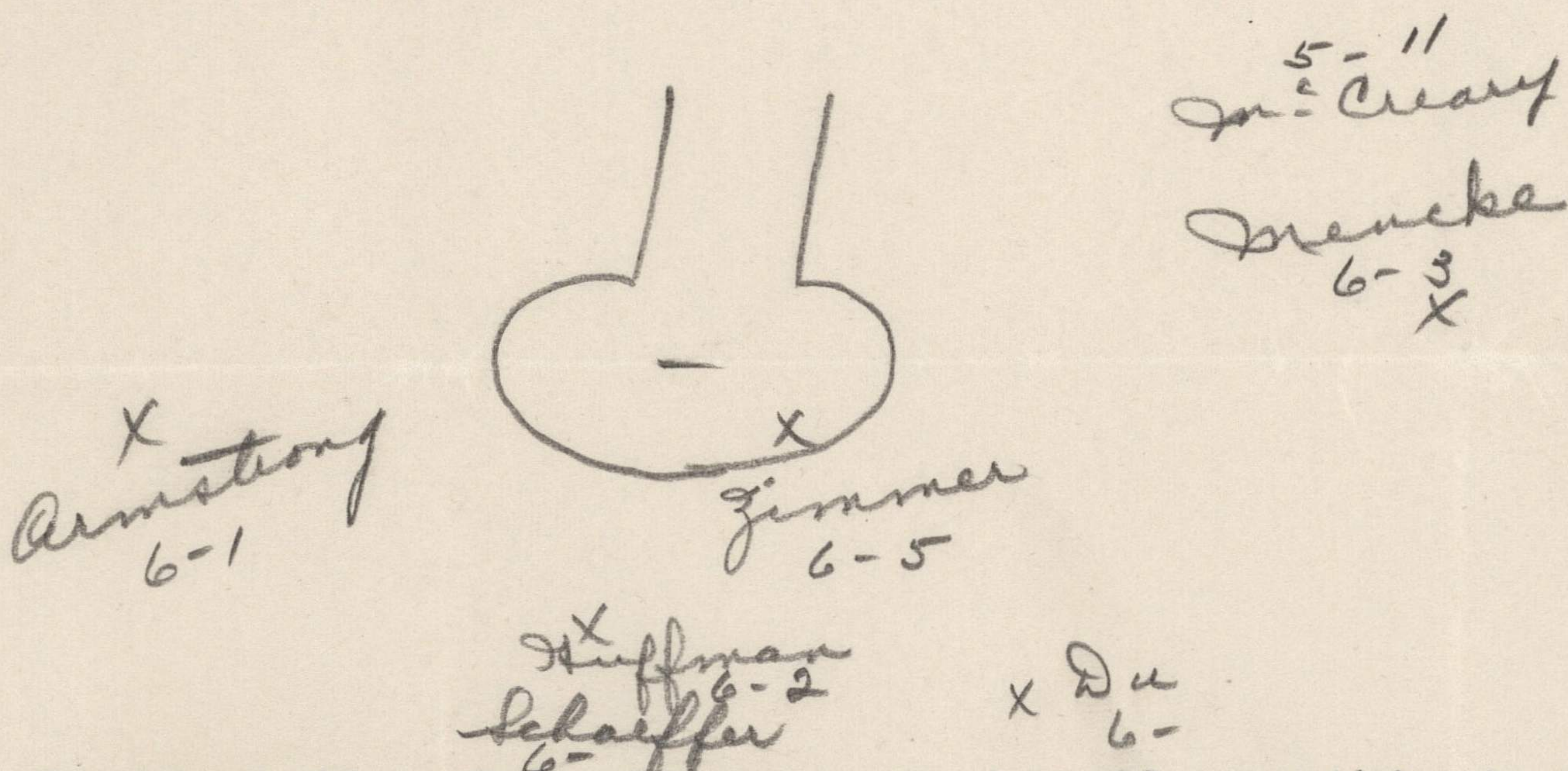
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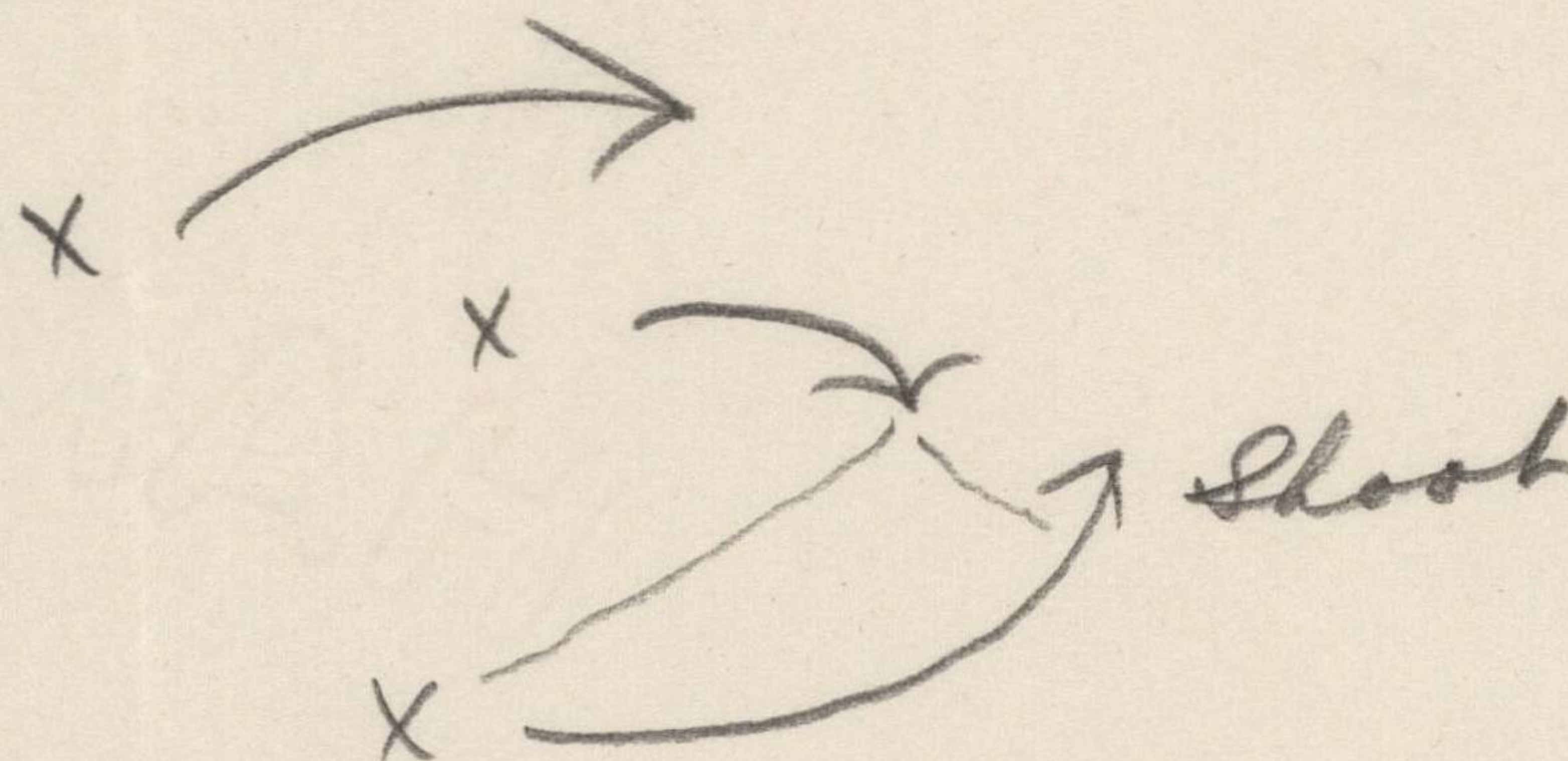
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He is 6 Ft. tall. Armstrong has rebounds as his specialty and is 6' 1". Huffman is a good long shot and is 6' 2". Schaeffer excellent long shot and goes around the outside as does Du, he is 6 ft. Mencke has his best shot while pulling away from the basket, uses right or left hand but prefers right, he is 6' 3". Zimmer 6' 5" and just a fair ball player, can use either right or left hand but prefers right.

Their other offensive set-up might be something like this.



Incidentally, Schaeffer scores heavily on this type of set-up shooting quickly over block as outlined below.



Sometimes a criss-cross is used in front and then a pass in to the side with a cut around as shown above.

Branch McCracken, the coach, is a fine chap before and after the game but during the game he is reported as being a second Piggy Lambert. A famous basketball player himself, he uses his personality to inspire the boys to great



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heights, this was shown in his two victories over Purdue this year.

In summing up the Indiana team a tough defense plus possession of the ball, employing a man to man defense combined with battling them on the boards should make it really tough for the Hoosier Hot Shots.

I trust this information will be of some value to you and the squad in preparing for the Indiana game on Saturday night, March 30.

Cordially yours,

*John H. Glenn.*  
JOHN H. GLENN

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES

Program of the 1940 Convention

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Kansas City, Missouri                      March 28, 29, 30                      Hotel Continental  
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Thursday, March 28

6:00 P. M.      Board of Trustees, Pre-Convention Dinner Meeting

Friday, March 29

9:00 A. M.      Registration throughout the day

9:30 A. M.      Opening Session

                    Address by the President                      B. T. Grover  
                    Report of the Secretary-Treasurer      E. J. Hickox

10:00 A. M.      Reports of Standing Committees  
                    Editor of the Bulletin                      Frank Keaney  
                    Membership Committee                      Blair Gullion  
                    Convention Committee (Banquet)      Dr. F. C. Allen

10:30 A. M.      Presentation  
                    The Man for Man Defense                      Nat Holman  
                    Pictures - College Basketball in  
                    Madison Square Garden                      Nat Holman

Noon Recess

2:00 P. M.      Committee Reports Continued  
                    Research Committee                      George Edwards  
                    High School Committee                      Clifford Wells

3:00 P. M.      Presentation  
                    The Zone Defense                      Dr. F. C. Allen

                    Committee Reports Continued  
                    Convention Displays Committee      E. A. Kelleher  
                    Nominating Committee                      Dr. H. C. Carlson  
                    Visual Interpretation Committee      Nat Holman  
                    Rules Committee (preliminary report) Don White

6:30 P. M.      Banquet      Hotel Continental



Program of the 1940 Convention (con.)

Saturday, March 30

9:30 A. M.	Pictures	Nat Holman
10:00 A. M.	Committee Reports Continued Coaching Ethics Committee Press Committee	C. B. Hoy Paul Hinkle
	Presentation Building an Offense	Douglas Mills
	Committee Reports Continued Officials Committee	Forrest Cox
	Final Discussion of Rules and Adoption of Suggestions to National Committee	Don White
	Election of Officers	
	Committee Reports Continued Olympic and Tournament Committee	H. G. Olsen
	Adjournment	
8:00 P. M.	National Championship Game at Municipal Auditorium (Special Price to Coaches - \$1.00)	

Coaches wishing to go on a sightseeing tour Saturday afternoon,  
please contact Dr. F. C. Allen.



AGENDA  
1940 BASKETBALL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Held at  
Hotel Continental, Kansas City, Missouri (Parlor 1612)

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th

- 9:00 A.M. Informal Conferences of Committees including Questionnaire, Research,  
Game Administration and Credentials Committee.
- 10:00 A.M. Treasurer Floyd Rowe, presiding  
Seating of New Members and Election of Officers  
Minutes and Report of Secretary -- H. V. Porter  
Report of National Basketball Coaches Association  
Reports from other national or sectional organizations including  
Chartered Boards, National Federation Committee and Collegiate  
Officials' Committee.  
Reports of Questionnaire, Research and other standing committees.  
Questionnaire -- H. V. Porter  
Research -- F. C. Allen  
Game Administration -- Sumner A. Dole  
Editorial -- Oswald Tower

12:30 P.M. Luncheon

- 1:30 P.M. Chairman elect, presiding  
Consideration of:  
Topics from Questionnaire and Research Committee Reports.  
Recommendations made during first session.  
Mimeographed suggestions from questionnaires and correspondence of  
official interpreter and secretary.  
Various sections of the rules which may need clarification.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

- 9:00 A.M. Chairman elect, presiding  
Final action on problems held over from preceding day.  
Business meeting including:  
Report of Treasurer -- Floyd A. Rowe  
Report of Publications Committee -- Oswald Tower  
Time and Place for 1941 meeting.  
Adoption of Constitution.  
Foreign representation on committee.  
Action on any other business matters which may be brought before the  
group.  
Appointment of Standing Committees.



C O N S T I T U T I O N   A N D   B Y - L A W S  
of the  
NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to legislate upon the official rules of basketball as played in the colleges, schools and by amateur teams in the United States and Canada; to supervise the administration of the official rules and to promote the welfare of the game to the end that recreation, healthy competition, and good sportsmanship may be aided thereby.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The constituent organizations holding membership on this committee and the number of representatives for each shall be:

- (a) The National Collegiate Athletic Association.....8 representatives
- (b) The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.....4 representatives
- (c) The Young Men's Christian Association.....2 representatives
- (d) The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.....1 representative
- (e) The Canadian Amateur Basketball Association.....1 representative

In addition to the representatives mentioned above, the Y.M.C.A. shall have the privilege of designating honorary member John Brown, Jr., as a voting member as long as he may be actively connected with that organization. Also Oswald Tower shall be considered a National Collegiate member-at-large as long as he continues to be editor and interpreter.

The committee as a whole shall elect an editor who may or may not be a regularly appointed member of the committee.

By a two-thirds vote of the committee, an invitation to other organizations for membership on the committee may be extended and by the same vote members or former members may be designated as honorary members for life when by long and distinguished service such members may merit this distinction. Honorary members may attend meetings of the committee and shall have the privilege of the floor but no vote.

Section 2.

Constituent organizations holding membership on this committee shall provide the secretary of the National Basketball Committee annually with credentials of membership on the committee.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor.

Section 2. The term of each officer shall be for one year.

NOTE: In order to insure some degree of stability it should be the general policy of the committee to continue the officers through their term of committee membership, except that the term of the chairman should not exceed four consecutive years.

Section 3. Election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the Committee and the newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election.



#### ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the National Basketball Committee and such other members of the Committee as may be duly elected by the membership. The Executive Committee shall handle all business of the National Committee between the annual or any special meetings of the National Committee. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VI -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) Chairman -- Shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and of the Executive Committee and in general shall perform the duties incident to his office.

(b) Vice-Chairman -- During the absence or inability to act of the Chairman, shall perform the duties of that office.

(c) Secretary -- Shall keep the records of all meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee. He shall give and serve all notices of meetings and in general perform the duties incident to his office.

(d) Treasurer -- Shall keep full and accurate account of all moneys received and shall deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the National Committee as may be designated by the Executive Committee. He shall disburse the same under the direction of the National Committee and shall present at each annual meeting a written report of the Treasury. In general, he shall perform the duties incident to his office.

(e) Editor -- Shall assemble and edit all material for the Official Basketball Rule Book and Guide, keep accurate record of all amendments to the rules and interpret by mail, if requested, any and all questions arising out of the rules and in general perform the duties incident to his office.

#### ARTICLE VII -- VOTING

Each member of the National Committee shall have one vote and the vote of a majority shall prevail in all matters unless otherwise provided herein. Members unable to attend may, with the consent of their constituent organizations, send an alternate with power to vote. Voting may not be by proxy.

#### ARTICLE VIII -- MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Committee shall be at the close of the basketball season in the spring at a time determined by vote of the committee at the time of the last preceding annual meeting or, in the absence of such vote, at the call of the Chairman. The order of business shall be in accordance with the agenda made up by the Secretary and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Committee may be called at the discretion of the Chairman and shall be called upon the written request of six members.

#### ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the National Committee to formulate the playing rules for the game of basketball for schools and amateur circles generally. These shall be considered the official rules.

Section 2. The National Committee shall have sole jurisdiction over the publication of the official rules and the ownership of the copyright shall be vested in the committee. Publication of the rules may be by contract or an undertaking of the Com-



mittee at the sole jurisdiction of the Committee of the whole. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations shall, while they are a member group of the Committee, have the right to publish and distribute a high school edition of the official rules as adopted by the Committee. This same privilege may be granted to any other member group by a majority vote of the Committee.

#### ARTICLE X -- SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall consist of the number of appointees designated by the Chair and perform the duties outlined at the time of their appointment unless otherwise designated by the Chair.

The Special Committees shall be:

- (a) Committee on Research.
- (b) Committee on Game Administration.
- (c) Committee on Questionnaire.

#### ARTICLE XI -- FINANCES

Section 1. After payment of all current committee expenses and the establishing of a suitable reserve (approved by the Committee as a whole), the balance of the receipts shall be divided as follows:

85% to the National Collegiate Athletic Association  
10% to the Young Men's Christian Association  
5% to the (Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union  
(Canadian Amateur Basketball Association

NOTE: The share paid to the two Canadian groups will be paid half and half until such time as the Committee by majority vote might choose to apportion the amount to the two groups on some basis to be agreed upon. The percentage allotted to the Canadian groups may be increased by the committee at any time the sales of the guide in Canada exceed 5% of the total sales.

Section 2. As long as the National Federation elects to print and distribute the special high school edition of the guide, they will not share in the income from sales of the regular guide and they shall be expected to take care of the expenses of their own representatives on the committee.

#### ARTICLE XII -- AMENDMENT

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the duly accredited members of the National Committee either at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. In either case written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least fifteen days prior to the meeting.