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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*