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Dear Phog:

Your wire received this morning. Replying to it, wish to say that my study of your game reveals the following.

In the first half, Kansas had possession of the ball for 11 min. 26 sec. In the second half, they had possession of the ball 10 min. 20 sec.

In the first half, Kansas shot seven of ten fouls attempted. In the second half, Kansas shot five of twelve attempted. This, of course, isn't a true picture of what happened to the fouls in the second half, because frequently Kansas took the ball out of bounds rather than attempting the shot. Had Kansas attempted all the shots, there would have been fifteen attempts, since Kansas was awarded two shots on two fouls in the second, half plus an added technical. Kansas fouled Indiana but twice in the second half and both fouls were made.

My remark to you that percentage basketball failed was on the basis that Kansas was making a higher percentage of its fouls and making fewer fouls, and controlling the ball for more than half the time.

In games studied prior to this, when those things occurred - namely, one team controls the ball for more than half the time, shoots a higher percentage of fouls attempted than its opponents, and makes fewer fouls than its opponents - that team won the ball game.

My chart shows that in the second half, of the twelve called fouls on Indiana, five were committed in the Kansas half of the floor. In other words, they were playing tremendously aggressive ball and were covering your players under their own basket and in your own half of the floor.

In the second half, the two fouls committed by Kansas were apparently because of location on the floor committed offensively rather than defensively, although neither one was committed on an Indiana player within shooting distance of Indiana's basket.