THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Lawrence

Department of Physical Education

Dear

We are looking one year ahead.

We are now checking on the eligibility of all our freshman basketball players who report for practice occasionally for the fundamentals of basketball. The most any of them practice is an hour and a half four times a week, and when any of our boys show tendencies which interfere with their academic work we excuse them from practice until they bring up their work to at least a C or C plus average. We then feel that they are not apt to become academic casualties.

For this reason we would appreciate your cooperation in indicating the grade of the player at the bottom of this sheet. We believe that we can render a real service to the boy by interrogating you on his possibilities or deficiencies. Then by having a conference with the chap we will do our utmost to show him the way forward.

Thanking you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Forrest C. Allen

Director of Physical Education & Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 7, 1940.

Mr. Roy Roberts,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Roy:

Anent our conversation yesterday regarding failures at the University of Kansas, this is the way we keep our men eligible. We appeal to the boys themselves, and ask the faculty members from time to time for a check up on their progress in class. We tell the boys it is their responsibility, because their main business is school work.

I never approach a faculty member asking him to give a boy something. A boy will get the thing that he is interested in if he is of average intelligence and industry, plus having an incentive to get ahead.

I do not lose any boys because I put the responsibility on them of doing their share, and then of course I help them all I can by encouragement and conferences with them discussing the possibility of the future and their present status.

This University is no sinecure for any type of student who does not want to progress. I have always found the majority of faculty members more than willing to help a fellow help himself.

I thought you would like to see the approach we use in basketball.

It was a pleasure to see you yesterday.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 7, 1940.

Mr. Clad Thompson,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Clad:

Following our conversation yesterday regarding failures here at the University, I thought you would like to know how we keep our men eligible in basketball. We appeal to the boys themselves, and ask the faculty members from time to time for a check up on their progress in class. We tell the boys it is their own responsibility, because that it primarily what they are in school for.

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I just thought you would like to see the approach we use in basketball.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 7, 1940.

Mr. "Doc" Hartley,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear "Doc":

After our talk yesterday regarding the number of failures here at the University, I thought you would be interested in knowing how we keep our men eligible in basketball.

We tell the boys it is their own responsibility to make their grades because that is primarily what they are in school for. I never approach a faculty member asking him to give a boy something. A boy will get the thing that he is interested in if he is of average intelligence and industry, plus having an incentive to get ahead.

The University is no sinecure for any type of student who does not want to progress. I have always found the majority of faculty members more than willing to help a fellow help himself. But some boys get the mistaken idea that when someone else helps them financially with their board and room that the professor will do as much as the fellow who is interested primarily in athletics.

I just thought you would like to see the approach we use in basketball.

Remember, I am going to buy you that dinner - you have always been my pal and you still are, mister. A little difference of opinion at times when two fellows are absolutely honest with each other is good for the soul.

Cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
FCA:AH Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 7, 1940.

Mr. Bob Reed,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Bob:

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Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

March 4, 1940.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mac:

I am enclosing, for your information, one of the mimeographed letters that we are sending to all of the professors who have our freshman basketball players in classes. For years we have found that such inquiries as these to the instructors, coupled with close checking on the boys, and no "wet nursing" of the recalcitrant, delinquent academic near-casualties, generally gets good results and saves our basketball players from flunking.

Of course, this of my own individual iniative calls for much detailed checking, but I make it a rule never to call on a professor or try to put on any pressure. I make each boy responsible for his own grades.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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To Members of the Athletic Board,
University of Kansas.

Gentlemen:

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I thought you might be interested in our approach.

Very sincerely yours,

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education and Recreation.

SIXTY AND SIX

BASKETBALL BREVITIES
With
Helpful Hints to Heed Hereafter.

By Forrest C. Allen
Maker of Success or Disaster
(As Interpreted by the Downtown Quarterbacks)

1. Keenly observe your surroundings.

2. Develop a good memory.

3. Don't bat balls under your defensive basket. Catch them.

4. Don't dribble against a rough team. Pass and cut.

5. Don't dribble closer than six feet to the side or end lines.

6. Keep your shoulders back but your eyes down when passing the ball.

7. Always pivot toward your own side line. Pass out.

8. Bend your knees before you start your dribble.

9. Never eat candy between meals.

10. Never try to dribble thru two opponents. Stop and pivot.

11. Never pass into a congested area.

12. Drag your dribble when confronted by a dangerous opponent.

13. Use successful plays again and again.

14. When fatigued or far ahead in the score use set plays.

15. Manoeuver to stay in best position on the floor.

16. Watch for opportunity to use trick plays.

17. Be a good actor. Use legitimate deception.

18. If ahead in score take no hurried or exceptionally long shots.

19. Possession is nine-tenths in basketball, as in law.

20. Be confident of your ability to retain possession of the ball. Be a trifle cocky.

21. Cockiness plus poor fundamentals insures you a permanent place on the bench.

22. When defense masses under basket, pass out and shoot high looping shot.

23. When time is called out ask two pertinent questions.
A. Whose man of the opponents is causing the most trouble?
B. What is our strongest play?

24. Pass at angles and run in curves.

25. Be a Rebound Hound!

26. Remember the other fellow is also terribly tired. Carry on!

27. When two teams of equal physical ability meet, the one with the better fundamentals will almost invariably win.

28. When in good shooting position - shoot - do not try to dribble in closer to basket.

29. Shoot, follow, rebound, recover and pass out.

30. Run their hearts out, then best them with better fundamentals.

31. Bend your knees, crouch and fake your offensive opponent into a disadvantageous position.

32. Use your head, your voice, your arms and your feet in putting pressure on your offensive opponent.

33. Know the rules.

34. Be a first class fighting man.

35. Keep your temper, but possess a good one.

36. Every opponent has a definite weakness - find it early, if you can.

37. Don't let an opponent get your goat. Keep your mind on your game.

38. Concentrate on your own defensive excellence. This generally is your weakest point.

39. When pivoting for a pass or a spin shot take excessively short steps.

40. When dribbling drive toward center of court. If in center pass out toward side line to a mate swinging forward toward center.

41. No squat, no squint, no stoop! Bend your knees. Be no Betty Boop!

42. Glide, slide and lubricate your transmission. Pick up speed smoothly.

43. Remember your diagonal passing. The deep man in this play situation is responsible in initiating the forward movement.

44. When two men meet one assumes the dominant, the other the recessive attitude. What is yours?

45. When two teams meet one assumes the collective dominant attitude, the other the collective recessive attitude. Which team is yours?

46. Some squads have but one spark plug in their whole aggregation.
The minimum should be six.

47. As you practice so you play.

48. "If you think that you are beaten, you are.

49. "If you think that you dare not, you don't.

50. "If you'd like to win but think you can't,
"Its almost a cinch you won't.

51. "For out in the world you'll find
"Success begins with a fellow's will.

52. WIts all in the state of mind."

53. Don't blame the referee- you generally make more mistakes than he does.
Only you don't get paid for it.

54. Violations and fouls are mistakes. Too many mistakes cause you to lose the ball game.

55. Basketball is a game that teaches Education Through Play.
A reward for winning - a penalty for losing.

56. When you execute a beautifully coordinated spinner play, coupled with a pivot-pass and an accurate shot into the basket - then basketball is poetry in motion.

57. Many teams mask their poor fundamentals by their razzle-dazzle, fire engine type of shinny game up and down the court. This is Babylonish jargon compared to clever and correct ball handling.

58. Remember, a quitter never wins, and a winner never quits.

59. Do not be afraid to take a chance. A grapefruit was once a lemon, but it took a chance.

60. Don't telegraph your passes with either your eyes or your hands or arms.

61. Fake or feint with your head and shoulders, never with the ball and hands.

62. Keep relaxed to take advantage of your opponent's mistakes.

63. Enthusiasm is as contagious as disease. See if you can spread it.

64. If you are tired, and past going at your top speed and you are afraid your opponent is apt to break away for a deciding goal, call time out at the first opportunity that your mates obtain possession of the ball.

65. Never let up as long as your opponents have the ball. "They shall not pass" became immortal many years ago.

66. If you forget sixty-five of these admonitions, remember this one -
Don't Ever Quit!

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1939-1940---BASKETBALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS---1939-1940

Lawrence, Kansas

Member of the Big Six Conference

The 1938-39 Final Big Six Standings

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Op.Pts.
Missouri	7	3	.700	450	372
Oklahoma	7	3	.700	462	416
Kansas	6	4	.600	399	413
Iowa State	5	5	.500	427	445
Nebraska	3	7	.300	414	457
Kansas State	2	8	.200	363	412

1938-39 Kansas Record

Conference			Non-conference	
31	Oklahoma	49	25	Warrensburg 20
33	Kansas State	29	15	Oklahoma A.&M. 21
37	Nebraska	48	19	Oklahoma A.&M. 25
37	Missouri	32	34	Texas 36
40	Kansas State	38	49	Texas 35
37	Iowa State	40	46	S.M.U. 40
49	Nebraska	46	52	S.M.U. 45
46	Iowa State	37	39	Carleton 33
59	Oklahoma	45	34	Oklahoma A.&M. 27
30	Missouri	55	37	Washburn 34

For Season

Won 6 Lost 4 | Won 13 Lost 7 | Won 7 Lost 3

Lettermen Back

Bob Allen, center
Don Ebling, forward
Howard Engleman, forward
Dick Harp, guard
John Kline, guard
Ralph Miller, forward
Jack Sands, center
Bruce Voran, guard

Lettermen Lost

Lyman Corlis, guard
Loren Florell, forward
Lester Kappelman, center
Wayne Nees, guard
Max Replogle, guard

University of Kansas

Basketball Schedule

1939 - 1940

December	5 - Tuesday	Oklahoma A. & M.	at Lawrence
December	8 - Friday	Warrensburg Teachers	Warresnburg
December	18 - Monday	Southern Methodist	Lawrence
December	19 - Tuesday	Southern Methodist	Lawrence
December	28-29-30	Tournament at Washburn College	Topeka
January	5 - Friday	University of Oklahoma	Lawrence
January	8 - Monday	Loyola University	Chicago
January	12 - Friday	Kansas State College	Lawrence
January	18 - Thursday	University of Missouri	Columbia
January	23 - Tuesday	University of Nebraska	Lawrence
February	12 - Monday	Iowa State College	Lawrence
February	15 - Thursday	Oklahoma A. & M.	Stillwater
February	20 - Tuesday	Kansas State College	Manhattan
February	24 - Saturday	University of Nebraska	Lincoln
February	26 - Monday	Iowa State College	Ames
March	1 - Friday	University of Missouri	Lawrence
March	4 - Monday	Creighton University	Omaha
March	8 - Friday	University of Oklahoma	Norman

University of Kansas

Basketball

Roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	Home
*Allen, Robert	C	6'	166	20	1	Lawrence
Arnold, James	F	6'3½"	178	20	0	Downs
Cameron, Miller	C	6'	165	19	0	Wichita
*Ebling, Don	F	5'11"	162	21	2	Lindsborg
Engel, Jack	F	5'9"	170	19	0	Liberal
*Engleman, Howard	F	6'	170	19	1	Arkansas City
Floyd, Jack	C	6'	171	19	0	Arkansas City
*Harp, Richard	G	6'1½"	184	21	2	Kansas City, Kan.
Hartman, Herb	G	5'11"	205	20	0	Newton
Hogben, William	G	6'1"	165	19	1	Kansas City, Mo.
Hunter, T.P.	G	6'3"	166	22	0	Oklahoma City,O.
Johnson, Robert	F	6'	165	19	0	Kansas City,Kan.
*Kline, John	G	6'2½"	190	20	1	Hutchinson
Krum, John	F	6'2"	165	19	0	Lawrence
*Miller, Ralph	F	6'1½"	175	20	1	Chanute
Mosser, Donn	F	5'10"	155	18	0	Summerfiled
O'Neil, Robert	G	6'	182	19	0	Topeka
Potter, Dewitt	G	6'	160	19	0	Lawrence
*Reid, Bruce	F	6'1½"	176	21	2	Arkansas City
*Sands, Jack	C	6'½"	173	20	1	Lawrence
Schaake, Ralph	G	6'3½"	197	19	0	Williamstown
*Voran, Bruce	G	6'	180	21	1	Pretty Prairie
Woodward, Robert	F	6'1"	155	19	0	Salina

*- Denotes lettermen

The Jayhawk Coach

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

The dean of basketball coaches in the United States, Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of the University of Kansas, embarks on his thirtieth campaign this winter. His record is 22 conference championships in 29 years of coaching.

Allen played his high school basketball at Independence, Mo. and it was there that he first met Dr. James Naismith, inventor of the game of basketball, who was coach at K.U. at that time.

In 1904 Dr. Allen entered the University of Kansas. During his college career, he lettered in basketball in 1905, 1906 and 1907 and in baseball in 1906 and 1907.

The following year, 1908, saw Allen off to a successful start as a coach, with a championship basketball team at K.U. His second Jayhawk team made even a better record in winning another championship the next year, marking up ten conference victories to two defeats.

The same season, Dr. Allen was coaching the Haskell Indian "National Aboriginal" team which won 19 of 24 games and the cage team of Baker University, twenty miles away.

This concluded Allen's coaching efforts for three years, while he pursued the study of medicine. In 1912 he became coach of all sports at Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg and his service as a coach has been continuous from that date.

In his first year at Warrensburg, Dr. Allen's football, basketball and baseball teams were undefeated and the basketball team started a series of championships which was unbroken during his seven years there.

In the fall of 1919 he became director of athletics at the University of Kansas, and before the basketball season was over was coaching that sport. Missouri was dominant in basketball at that time, but by 1922 the youthful Jayhawk mentor had brought Kansas up to a tie with the Tigers, each team losing a single game of the 16 game conference schedule.

The remaining six seasons of the old Missouri Valley conference yielded Kansas five championships; the one in 1923 without a defeat. This season was notable, also, as being in the midst of a winning streak of 34 consecutive conference games, ended finally by Oklahoma, which in 1928 moved into championship position.

Oklahoma carried over its winning ways into the Big Six conference and held the leadership in 1929; Missouri won the next year; then Kansas, under Dr. Allen, swept the next four years. The 1935 championship went to Iowa State, coached by Louis Menze, a pupil of Dr. Allen's at Warrensburg.

In 1936 the Jayhawks blazed through their regular schedule without defeat, winning eighteen consecutive games. In the regional Olympic tryouts Kansas defeated Washburn and Oklahoma A. & M. to qualify for the semi-final eliminations.

In that series of games the Jayhawks played Utah State and won the first game, but at a great cost. Francis Kappelman, all-conference guard, suffered a deep cut across his knee when he ran into a wire supporting one of the goals and was lost to the team. Without him Kansas could not keep pace with the sensational shooting of the Utah State team.

In 1937 Kansas and Nebraska tied for the Big Six championship and in 1938 the Jayhawks were undisputed champions. Last year Kansas finished third behind the co-champions, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Dr. F.C. Allen's Basketball Coaching Record

(1 = Championship.)

		Position	Games Won	Games Lost	Schools in Conference
1908	University of Kansas	1	7	2	
1909	"	1	10	2	
1913	Warrensburg Teachers	1	16	0	
1914	"	1	16	2	
1915	"	1	16	0	
1916	"	1	16	2	
1917	"	1	17	1	
1918	"	1	16	1	
1919	"	1	16	1	
1920	University of Kansas	3	9	7	9
1921	"	4	9	9	9
1922	"	1*	15	1	9
1923	"	1	16	0	9
1924	"	1	15	1	9
1925	"	1	15	1	9
1926	"	1	16	2	10
1927	"	1	10	2	10
1928	"	4	9	9	10
1929	"	5	2	8	6
1930	"	2	7	3	6
1931	"	1	7	3	6
1932	"	1	7	3	6
1933	"	1	8	2	6
1934	"	1	9	1	6
1935	"	2	12	4	6
1936	"	1	10	0	6
1937	"	1*	8	2	6
1938	"	1	9	1	6
1939	"	3	6	4	6

*- Co-championship

University of Kansas

1938-39 Individual Records

Following are individual scoring records for last season of those men who are back in action this year.

Individual Scoring

Player	No. Games Played	NON-CONFERENCE (Ten games) FG	FT	PTS.	CONFERENCE (Ten games) FG	FT	PTS.	Total Pts.	Ave.
Miller, f	12	9	6	24	19	19	57	81	6.75
Engleman, f	19	12	5	29	36	21	93	122	6.4
Ebling, f	20	14	19	47	15	10	40	87	4.35
Allen, c	20	16	12	44	16	10	42	86	4.3
Harp, g	20	18	10	46	10	10	30	76	3.8
Reid, f	14	9	4	22	2	1	5	27	1.9
Voran, g	18	4	0	8	10	5	25	33	1.8
Kline, g	14	3	0	6	6	1	13	19	1.4

Personal Sketches
University of Kansas Basketball
1939-1940

ALLEN, ROBERT- center- 20 -home, Lawrence; graduate of Lawrence high school, 1937; coached by Edd Wood. Youngest son of Coach Forrest C. Allen. Has been playing basketball since his kindergarten days. A fine ball handler and all-around player. Holds down the "quarterback" position which his brother Milton played in 1935 and 1936. Played guard, center and forward in high school. Good man on defense. Runs the team on offense and does his share of the scoring. A junior.

ARLING, DONALD- forward- 21 -home, Lindsborg; graduate of Lindsborg high school, 1936; prepped by Coach O.C. Ostenberg. Brother of Ray Ebling, Kansas' All-American forward who graduated in 1936. After a mediocre freshman year, battled his way into a first string forward berth on the 1938 championship team. Was in pretty much of a slump last year. Good on set shots and an excellent free thrower. A very good rebound man for his size. Makes up for lack of height with worlds of fight.

ENGLEMAN, HOWARD- forward- 19 -home, Arkansas City; graduate of Arkansas City high school, 1937; played under Coach Everett Nicholson. A sensation on the 1938 Jayhawk freshman team. An excellent scorer last year as a sophomore. Finished in the first ten of the Big Six scoring leaders last winter. Set a new K.U. individual scoring record for one game when he chalked up 27 points against Oklahoma here last year. Almost impossible to guard around the basket. A junior.

HARP, RICHARD- Guard- 21 -home, Kansas City, Kan.; graduate of Rosedale high school in Kansas City, 1936; coached by Roscoe Brown. A great guard as a sophomore at K.U. Went into a slump last year. His work on defense fell down and his shooting was off. Appears to be back in stride now. If he plays as well as he appears capable of playing, he should rank high nationally among college defense men. At his best, he is a brilliant defensive player and a deadly accurate long shot.

HOGBEN, WILLIAM- guard- 19 -home, Kansas City, Mo.; graduate of Southwest high school in Kansas City, 1937; coached by Mel Bishop. Played frequently during the first semester last year and then was lost to the team because of scholastic ineligibility during the second term. Would have lettered had it not been for this. A smooth guard. Was in the starting lineup at guard in the second game of the season thiw winter.

HUNTER, T.P.- forward or guard- 22 -home, Oklahoma City, Okla. Graduate of Central high school in Oklahoma City, 1937; coached by Clarence Breithaupt. Was a member of the Jayhawks' crack freshman team in 1938. Scholastically ineligible for varsity competition the first semester last year and did not see any action the second semester. A lanky boy.

JOHNSON, ROBERT- forward- 19 -home, Kansas City, Kan.; graduate of Shawnee Mission high school at Merriam, 1938; played under Coach Harold Reade. The best prospect in an unusually weak sophomore crop. May not see much action this winter because of the number of veterans available, but will be valuable in the next few years. Looks like the old Jayhawk star, Fred Pralle, and has the same driving spirit.

KLINE, JOHN- guard- 20 -home, Hutchinson; graduate of Hutchinson high school, 1936; prepped by Coach "Chop" Cairns. Attended Hutchinson Junior College a year after graduating from Hutchinson high. One of the few tall, rugged men on the squad this winter. Was valuable last year as a rebound man. Takes the ball off the backboard well. Is used to guard giants on opposing teams. A real scrapper under the basket. Not an especially good scorer, but makes some timely baskets.

MILLER, RALPH- forward- 20 -home, Chanute; graduate of Chanute high school, 1937; played under Coaches Dale Skelton and Tony Lockyear. One of the two greatest high school basketball players ever developed in the state of Kansas. "Red" DeBernardi the only one whose record compares with Miller's. Averaged 19.8 points a game during his three years of high school competition. Is equally adept at every phase of the game, ball handling, shooting, guarding and passing. Missed about half of the season last year due to a "football knee". Still bothered by it.

REID, BRUCE- forward- 21 -home, Arkansas City; graduate of Arkansas City high school, 1936; coached by Everett Nicholson. The trickiest ball handler on the squad. Not an exceptional scorer, but good around the basket. Also can play the center or "quarterback" position. Valuable as a feeder for the sharp shooters on the team. Has been in the starting lineup off and on during his college competition. A senior.

SANDS, JACK- center- 20 -home, Lawrence; graduate of Erie high school, 1936; coached by Adam Kahler and Babe Lewis. Played a year at Parsons Junior College after starring at Erie high. Is a clever ball handler. Is left handed, which makes his passing the more deceptive. A fair scorer, with one hand shots his most accurate means of scoring. Lettered last year in both basketball and baseball.

VORAN, BRUCE- guard or forward- 21 -home, Pretty Prairie; graduate of Pretty Prairie high school, 1936; played under Coach Walter Graber. Captain of the Pretty Prairie high team that won the state Class B championship in 1936. Lost a year of competition at K.U. when he suffered a burn on his leg prior to the 1938 season. A remarkable rebounder for his size. A brilliant guard on defense; sticks to his man like a leech. Has a good left hand hook shot and is effective around the basket.

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our Rauded shots

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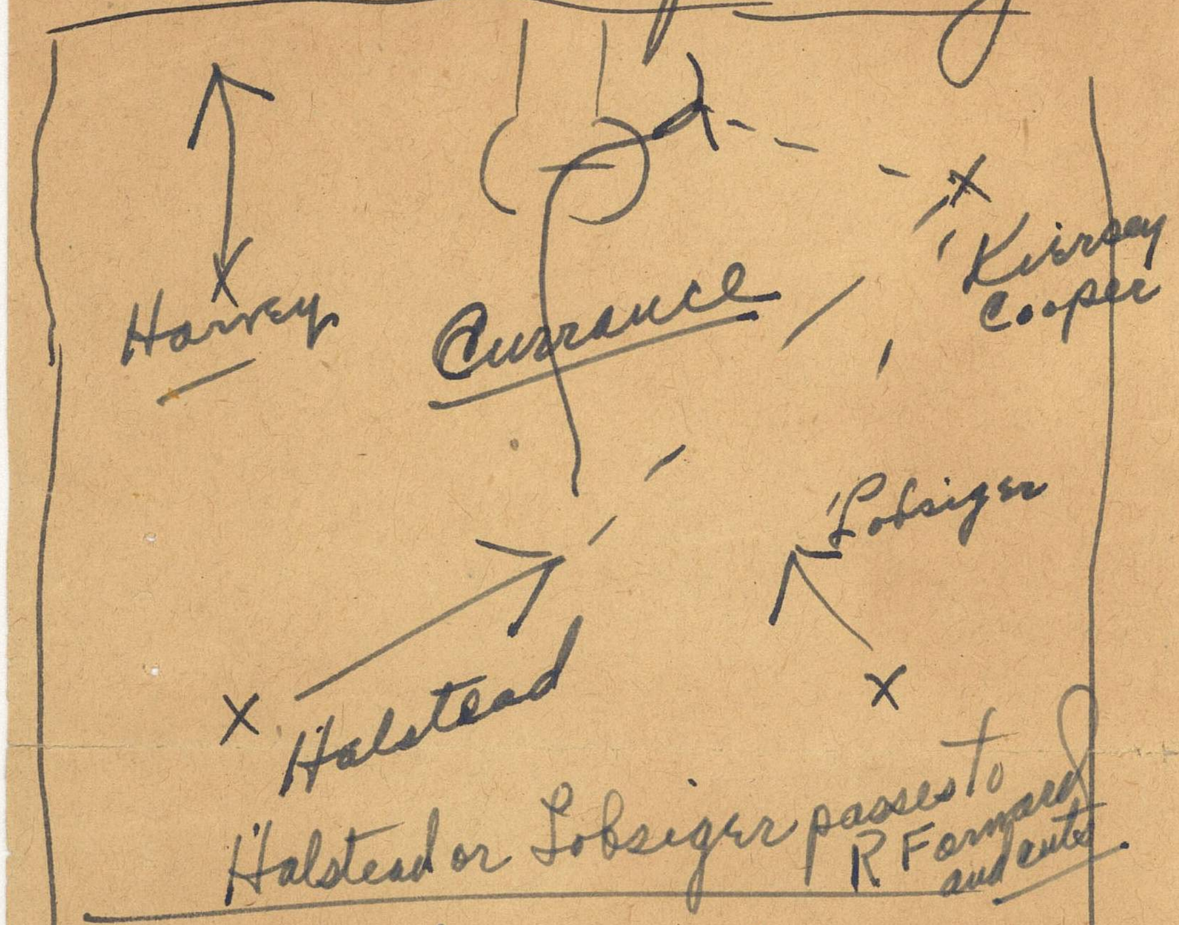
Mercer

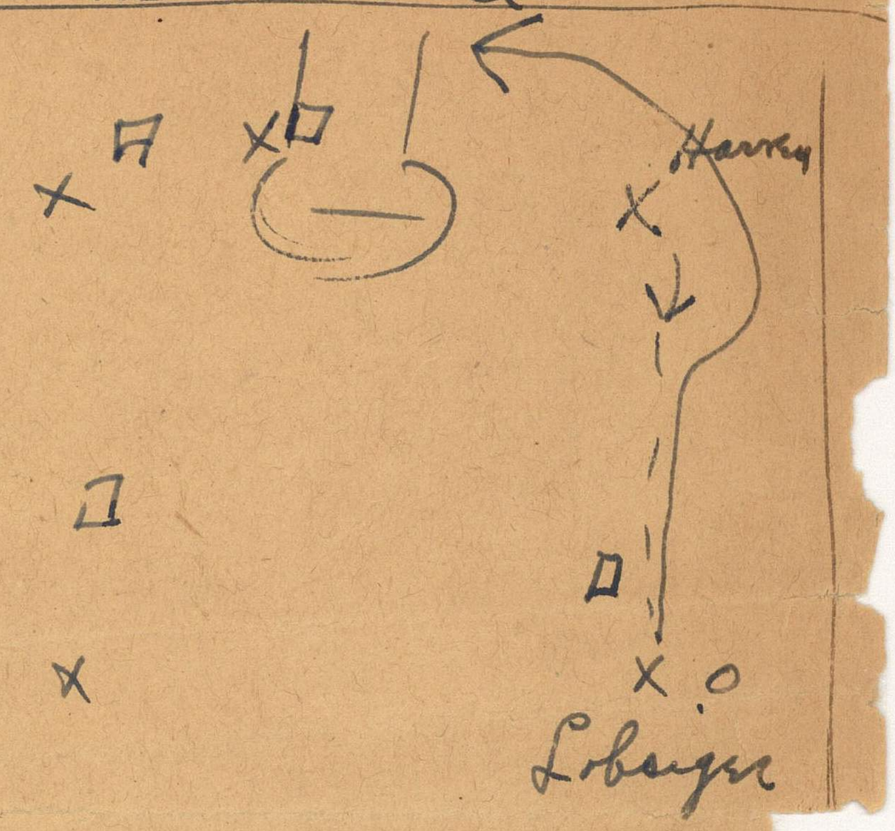
Bob - Defense on Okla scoring Engleman scoring thru center
Bob Leader basket Okla
Miller fouls going down sideline



Halstead or Lobsiger passes to R Forward and cuts.

Halstead shoots long.

No. brings ball down center of court - 1 handed jump shot.



Lob passes Lobsiger cuts around

Dr. Allen

Excerpts

Kansas University vs Missouri University

F F C G G — Don Ebling

Harvey, Cooper, Clemence, Lobsiger, and Nash.

1st sub-Watson forward, Tison, 1st sub center.

Missouri has a well balanced club, in so far as they are big, rough, ~~and~~ tough, and fairly aggressive. Defensively Harvey and Cooper are good "pickers." They play fairly close. Clemence and Tison, when guarding the post line can be easily passed on breaks. On the inside they play pretty loosely and if a forward desires to shoot long they wont hound you. Also, easily faked out of position. Nash and Lobsiger are fairly rough. They don't play you very close on ~~I~~ free. Miller, if Lobsiger guards him, can fake him off the court on the post. He follows on overhead fake a lot~~s~~. Nash guarded me closely except maybe for 8 play I. He is rough, and fouls alot with hips and legs. He got a lot of rebounds from me because he'd hip me out of position and by the time I recirded either he or someone else would get the rebound. We must watch ourselves being body blocked from rebounding. Many body checks were used on Bob, Ralph, and myself. At least they told me they did. I know that I was. With a little care you can get around them, but several times they fouled from behind. They played Kline loosely. In fact they dropped a ~~few~~ into the slot. On rebounds (Missouri offense) the tall men tipped the ball straight back many times. Maybe if a forward played them flat about 30 feet out they could retrieve a lot of them. They also used a ~~cross~~ tip by one of the tall men when free throws were tossed to the corner. I think Missouri has a good defense inside but I believe plays on the outside, work from the forwards on the guards, center around play, and possibly a pass back from them to the forward following around (much on the order of the play you showed us at Oklahoma A & M.) — would work. A man off the post is another play that will work. One swing would be good for screens about 25'-30' out. I'm sure we could get on a lot of good screens close in, because they drop back a lot.

I contend that the outstanding element of their play which caught us flat was there fast break. We were lousy, but still in the last four minutes of the first half, three buckets were scored and all on fast breaks. They have a hard rushing attack down the floor on their fast break. Harvey, & Cooper have good overhead shots, & they are faking away. Clemence and Tison can rebound good and are fairly accurate at tipping offensively. Lobsiger didn't

drive around suckid Nash, but both are fairly accurate shooters. Lebsiger must be guarded fairly close with the idea in mind that he is dangerous on driving around using a "scoop" shot. Nash fools around several times and stepped 10'-15' out and hit usually shooting an overhead push shot. Currance has a good left hand. He plays off the post a lot. Harvey and Cooper must be closely guarded because they shoot overhead push shot fading away, and also are adept with either right or left hand. Play Harvey and Cooper Close never being farther than a yard upon them, with their having the ball or not. Also because of Nash + ~~Cooper~~ Lebsiger cutting around. — Remember K.U. to run 15 quick, fast steps back on defense when the ball is lost offensively and be careful of position on rebounds. Play close to man and shift by quickly on screen plays. Harvey & Cooper are dangerous around free throw line. Check men if you can't follow. Don't forget to look up and let the man guarding the man with the ball to have the right of way.

Didn't have time to write about K.U.

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Beat Missouri !!!

The Tigers have a well balanced team and they'll be in there battling to retain their title. Every one of their players is definitely a scoring threat, so leech-like guarding will be necessary. It is well to be offensively minded <u>but not when the opponents have the ball</u>. They crucified us with their fast break down at Columbia but Friday night must find us "arisen from the ~~dead~~ dead". They have us outsized but <u>never</u> let it be said that we were outfought.

Offensively, we must keep the ball moving and cut <u>hard</u> and <u>fast</u>. Bad passing cost us many points at Columbia, so lets make our passes <u>crisp</u> and <u>accurate</u>. Rebounds will be at a premium - let's get them.

Men, we've battled too hard this season to falter now. The crowd will be behind us and we <u>must not</u> let them down. <u>They shall not pass</u> will be our war cry and Friday night at nine will find a victorious Jayhawk astride a tamed and purring, but badly battered Tiger.

So let it be !!!. — — — —

OFFense:

The Missouri defense is to MY way of THinking the best in the conference. They have no weak links, they have excellent rebounding. I believe that we should employ a general offense. That is, use our set plays, swing and break fast. Possibly it ~~would~~ would be a smart move to have Miller play in the back line part of the time. As I recall Lobsiger will not play him too close when he is out on the court. Also this would weaken their defensive rebound. Also I think it might be possible to employ a pivot man against Mo.

Defense:

In my estimation this is where the game will be won or lost. In both games at Mo. they beat us on a fast break. We must either out rebound them or have three men back to stop their rush. One man must take the man with the ball ~~before he reaches~~ before he reaches the free throw line. Vordan has shown what can be done if you hustle. time and again he has intercepted passes thrown across the land on the fast break. He had to run his heart out to do it, but he did it. Not once, but several times. The rest of us have been at fault in this phase of defense. The Mo. play ~~around~~ around the post and Lobsiger + Nash driving go to make up the rest of

the Mo. offense.

Conclusion:

1. We must stop their breath
2. We must have possession of the ball. Remember last year at Mo. and the ten minutes or so of the first half at Amos this year when we shot once and lost the ball. We can not do that and win.

Cap. Miller

Missouri

Missouri has a very well balanced offense and also a well rounded defense. I believe that their whole offense will be slowed down considerably due to their fear of our Kansas court. This will be especially true of their long shots. If this is true we will practically have their alt offense stopped. Nash and Lobsiger will have to be very closely guarded at least at first until we see how they are hitting. If they are not doing so well then the forwards can play more loosely. Currance will have to be guarded close on the fast. Be careful of him when his guard checks off to help some one else. This is one of his big scoring opportunities. He scored two baskets the last time on that type play. Harvey and Copper must be watched on their overhead & one-handed shots, especially from the free throw circle. Check men quickly but be sure we do not lose one of them in the check. We should be able to stop their fast offense without any trouble. Their biggest offensive threat will be their fast break. They do not wait for anything. Every man must run hard back of defense. We must if we want to win.

Our offense should go against Missouri without much trouble. The forwards can easily be fed from the center directly. Their forwards double back well, but if the guards will drive and cut for the basket they should score. If not, they will at least keep the forwards on their toes and give the forwards a chance to do their damage. Smooth ball handling will and good head work should be their undoing. We are better ball players in every way except in height. It will take sheer guts to out do Missouri in this department. Any of our plays will work if we work them correctly.

I don't believe this is a game that needs any going over. If we know any team better than Missouri, I don't know who it would be. Everyone of us who are

to play know Missouri's every endeviedeal andall.
We know their tricks and all their is to know. We
are also smarting under 2 straight lickings from them
I know as sure as I can know that we will win
tomorrow. I know I will play the best game of my
career to date. I believe every single player feels the
same as I do. It's in the bag as far as I can see.
My suggestions are few. I know every thing you have
said & know others will tell you the same. Mine
are points that may be forgotten -

I end with a more, "To Hell with Missouri."

Beat Missouri"

Missouri's height advantage means that we will have to use clever deception in our ball handling, fire our passes quickly & be clever with our fakes. Here at Lawrence last year & at Columbia this year I was able to quit maneuver Jobsiger by faking as if to go around him & then either shooting over his head or a pivot shot if your back is toward him. He is good on defense but he fears that his man will go around him so he stays well away from him. Forwards should be able to shoot over him. He is very clever on offense and like Fritz of Nebraska he can shoot over you or walked around almost at will. If I'd guard him I shall constantly chatter & wave my hands in his face to destract long shooting at the same time being crouched so as to stop any drive he may motivate.

Missouri will no doubt show up their fast break offence because of the psychology of the foreign court. Kansas should take advantage of their nervolsness to build up an early lead as they have done the last 2 times. Decisive play not hasty scoring but the deliberate killer tactics of the Oklahoma game is what we need.

Plays 1 and 2 always work unless the opposite Missouri forward falls back in the slot then Bobbie can slide off the forwards hip & receive the ball for a loop shot or drive in set up. Remember that when a Missouri man drops in the slot it leaves one guard unguarded. A clever swing & screen then, always opens up a scoring play.

Plays 4-5, 6-7 will work occasionally if the forwards will play deep in the corner, break fast to meet the ball & then swing toward the center to set themselves. If they seem to block our forwards out, the guard rather than the quarterback can throw the ball in and start the play from the side.

On defense especial care in checking will be an important factor. Talk to each other, order during time outs with the quarterback doing the talking. On rebounding forwards should be careful not to go too far under the goal because the ▽ tigers will use their hips a good deal.

All in all I think the mental status of the team is better than I have ever seen it. All men are thinking of nothing but "beat that Tiger" and every man is taking to play his part. For myself I feel I can give every ounce & play as I've never played before. So as the game draws nearer and pitch is high I will close with the thought I started - "Beat Missouri"