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Excerpts

Kansas University vs Missouri University

F F C G G Don Ebling
Harvey, Cooper, Curence, Tolsiger, and Nash.
1st sub-Watson forward, Fison, 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 "hucklers." They play fairly close. Curence and Fison, 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 won't hound you. Also, easily faked out of position. Nash and Tolsiger are fairly rough. They don't play you very close on the Miller, if Tolsiger guards him, can fake him off the court on the post. He follows an overhead fake a lot. Nash guarded me closely, except maybe for Play I. He is rough, and fouls a lot with hips and legs. We got a lot of rebounds from me because he'd hip me out of position and by the time I realized 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 ~~away~~ ^{away} into the slot. On rebounds (Missouri offense) the tall men tipped the ball straight back many times. Maybe if a forward played there floor 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. Our swing would be good for screens about 25'-30' out. I'm sure we could put 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 their fast break. We were busy, 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} faking away. Curence and Fison can rebound good and are fairly accurate at tipping offensively. Tolsiger didn't