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"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 out maneuver Gobsiger 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 plays well away from him. Forwards should be able to shoot over him. He is very clever on offense and like Fitz of Nebraska he can shoot over you or wheel around almost at will. If I guard him I shall constantly chatter & wave my hands in his face to distract long shooting at the same time being crouched so as to stop any drive he may motivate.

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

Plays 1 and 2 always work unless the opposite Missouri forward gets back in the slot then Bobbie can slide off the forward's hip & receive the ball for a loft 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 foul 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 Vigas will use their hips a good deal.