

you now to make up your mind that you are going to play that great game and play it up to the hilt.

Schmitty, your two free throws were honeys, although one of them misbehaved and had me on the verge of hysteria. And Schmitty, you were so anxious to make those free throws that you gave those fingers just a little snap which caused the ball to go through but it had too much stuff on it and jumped out. Just let those free throws spin and glide out of your fingers just like you do in practice.

Schmitty, I am awfully proud of you. You are not a big, tough, rough guy, and I have never had a man ever on my squad who asks so little and gives so much. You remember three years ago when I told you that I was sorry that it wouldn't be possible for you to make a letter that first year. You were so enthusiastic about everything you did, so punctual to practice, and so conscientious about asking any time off for study when you felt that you must make your grades, that I said, "Schmitty, I am sorry that you won't make a letter this year. I appreciate the loyalty and devotion that you have showed to basketball." You were then making straight A's, I remember, and these are the words you said, "Shoot, Doc, don't worry about me. I am getting more out of this game than you can imagine. I am having a pretty good time. I am not a bit sorry for the time I am putting in on basketball." Gee, that is a great relief to find a man who feels that he is getting more out of it than he is putting into it on every occasion. And you have been that way through three years. When I would take you out, you sit on the bench and root for the fellow that replaces you. Doggone it, I am just nuts over a guy that can do that. And I think you are a swell Dutchman!

Just think, boys, two Dutchmen - co-captains. Can you beat the Dutch! No, you can only tie 'em. You know what I said about Fred Pralle, one of the greatest players I ever coached. And Schmitty is one of the greatest guys that I have ever coached. He doesn't have the body but he has the brains. But Schmitty does everything with his body that a human could do so far as training and perfecting himself.

Do you fellows realize that but six men played in that Nebraska ball game? And yet we carried 16 on the squad to Lincoln, and we didn't carry a single man too many. The morale that has been on this squad in its ups and downs has been wonderful. You boys who have practiced against these men who have been in the game have made our winning possible.

Here is Kappelman, a boy who made a letter last year and has not been in many games this year, but you haven't heard Kap cry. He is in there doing everything he can to help the team.

And then there is old Swede who started out playing regularly on the varsity. I think Swede has been a great guy to carry on like he has. And Fen Durand, one of the hardest workers on the squad but this year for some reason that ball just doesn't find the basket when he gets in there and when we need the counters. But no greater morale builder is there anywhere than Fen Durand.