

of yourselves in a common sense way. Remember what I told you in spring practice regarding the push-up and the dip on your fingers and toes. I said, start this exercise three times, both morning and night, and then the second week execute it six times each morning and night. The third week build up to nine times twice a day, and the fourth week spring up on your fingers and toes twelve times, touching the chin and barely touching the abdomen to the floor, but not resting, then push up and touch the right ear, push up and touch the left ear. Do this on the fingers and not the palms of the hands.

Now, I know you may say it is a little tough, but the fellow who won't do this will never be the valuable member of a varsity team that he should be. You know what this is for - to strengthen the tissues of the wrists and fingers so that you do not sprain your thumbs and fingers during the basketball season. A sprained thumb is a "dead horse" in basketball. And snappy fingers execute unerring shots with more power and poise than do "dish-rag" fingers which constantly slop over the ball.

You say you want to win a championship. Well, let's see you begin now, and when you come back to school before the last week of September is over we will be having our meeting for varsity basketball. We are going to start practicing our fundamentals early. If most of the boys are working in the afternoons then we will practice at night. But we are going to practice at least three times a week starting in late September, and by the middle of October we may increase it to four times a week. We are dedicating the Oklahoma A. and M. field house on the 9th and 10th of December, and then we go to Texas, so you see what we are up against. I must get one game before we play the Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater. I am going to try to get Washburn, but if we can't get them we will get someone else. I want to give every fellow a chance to make that first team. We have a lot of wonderful material - potential, I should say, but just what we do with it will depend upon how the players and the coach react to one of the toughest situations that we have ever experienced.

Maybe the funny man who drew the rather funny cartoon in the Jayhawker about the Kansas basketball team and its coach picking easy opponents had strabismus (eye squint) sufficiently bad to blind him from the fact that the Kansas football team, the Kansas track team, the Kansas baseball team, the Kansas tennis team, the Kansas golf team, and the Kansas swimming team - all were striving valiantly to win the Big Six championship in their respective sporting events, and that is exactly what the Kansas basketball team did, after getting knocked flat on their backs in the first game with Oklahoma.