

Sublette, Kansas  
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Dear "Choy":  
My letter concerns Vern Rutledge who told me last week that he wanted to go to Kansas University. Vern was a member of Sublette's championship team two years ago and also played again last year. I expect you remember him from the clinic at Dodge City last year as my big forward no. 99. Vern is about 6' 2", ~~or~~ 200 lbs, and, I think, the best defensive ball player I have seen in Western Kansas high schools. His timing is splendid making him invaluable out the backboard and in blocking attempts at the basket. He plays a cool game and is most dependable.

As for his offense, he isn't a point-maker and you can easily understand it since you have Schnellbacher now. Being a large boy Vern was able to make the first five with Otto and the other boys but his job was to get the ball and feed it to Schnellbacher + Winters. He did that so long that he forgot about scoring himself. He has a good eye but hasn't developed the habit of taking advantage of his