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Bill Brill, Wyandotte

This lanky Wyandotte senior wasn't a flashy player, but I believe he was the best "coach's" player in the state. His specialties this season were rebounding and defense and how he excelled in them. Before the season was very old, Bill was guarding the opposing team's ~~man~~ best scorer in every game. In the final game of the season, Brill had to guard Gerald Tucker on the best night Tucker ever had, so that although Tucker got 13 points, it was no disgrace for Brill. The night before, Brill had turned in the greatest job of guarding he ever did, in stopping big Guy Mitchell of Hutchinson. Mitchell had scored 10 buckets in each of the first two tournament games, but with Brill guarding him, Mitchell was unable to get a single one. Two free throws were Mitchell's total scoring for the evening. Brill played sensationally, allowing Mitchell only two or three half-way decent shots in the whole game. He did not wrestle with Mitchell under the basket, but instead would play about two feet away from the Hutchinson star, closing in on Mitchell and tying him up when the Salthawk ace got the ball. Or he would jump in front of Mitchell and bat the ball away when he had a chance. It was a brilliant job of guarding. All season long he was stopping one scoring ace after another. I have never heard of anything quite like it. He stopped Stan Cyhel, Ward's big center; Ross Burns, Joplin's 6'5" center; Rudy Rauh of Rosedale, who scored 30 points against Atchison; Junius Penny of Lawrence; and a number of others I do not recall right now.

Brill is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He has been on the first team at Wyandotte for 3 years, the only member of this year's team who did that. As a sophomore and junior, he was mainly a shooter, but this year he suddenly changed and became a workhorse. Personally, I think he can play on K.U.'s team or anybody else's. I think his folks are at least fairly well off and that he would not need much help. However I am not sure about this.