

May 18, 1939.

Mr. Harold Keith,  
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Dear Harold:

I am just leaving for Sabetha, Kansas, and for Ames, Iowa, but will take time to answer the questions in your letter of the 17th instant so that you can begin writing the material for the Guide. Thank you very much for undertaking this job. I know you will do well with it.

We had no especially tall men to offset the tall men of the opposition. Our greatest handicap was losing Fred Pralle and Sylvester Schmidt. Pralle was a great high-scoring guard and good rebound man. Our team was largely composed of sophomores. I will not mention the debacle regarding Golay tripping on his training program.

The offensive system was the system that I have always used, the revolving triangle with a pivot, pass back and hook diagonally forward - a system that I have used for a great many years. The defensive system is very simple, the stratified transitional man for man defense with the zone principle.

This year we lose Corlis (by graduation), our high-scoring man, and also Golay, who was not a regular.

We have no big tall men in our prospective material. Considering Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State it looks like we will have to use some Alpine mezzanine peeping goons to match the opposition. We drew no outstanding sophomore material, but as most of our standbys last year were sophomores we should make the race interesting. The sophomores we depended on are Engleman, Miller, Allen, Veran and Sands.

I won't even get one handkerchief for a snuffle on this report, but that is the truth. But a year from now when Oklahoma and Missouri lose a bevy of salubrities and celebrities, we will have a chance.