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Dear Phog:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 15th in which we discuss the California basketball team. I am enclosing a little dope that I wrote out in longhand that may be of some value to you.

The California assistant coach is having practice regularly five days a week at California. I understand that several of the boys who were out for football a year ago, and who are also basketball players, did not go out for the football this year but are working regularly on basketball. This will put them in much better shape for early season games than they were a year ago. In spite of this hard work, it is the general opinion around these parts that California will not be as strong as last year. To begin with they haven't a man on the squad who would be able to pull the team together once it started on the down grade. Corbin besides being an excellent player was also a fine leader and one who could pull the boys together if things were not going right. California has not been able to do a thing against a shifting zone defense. Last year I witnessed their games against St. Ignatius and Santa Clara and in neither of these games was California able to do a thing against these defenses. Incidentally California was beaten badly in both of these games. The opponent in each case used a delayed offense with forwards in the corners and a big, tall center in the middle. This seemed to open up the California defense to the state of allowing the passes to come in to either the forwards or the center and the return pass for a shot. California cannot play a slow deliberate game. Their game is a hard, driving attack and unless they play this way they cannot hope to win.

This week is our most important game of the season, against Southern California. "Pop" is busy with the boys trying to whip them into shape for a winner.

S. Cal. has the team this year even better than U.S.C. & Stan O.

Hoping that the enclosed may be of some help to you and that I may hear from you at your leisure, I am

Sincerely yours,

Husky