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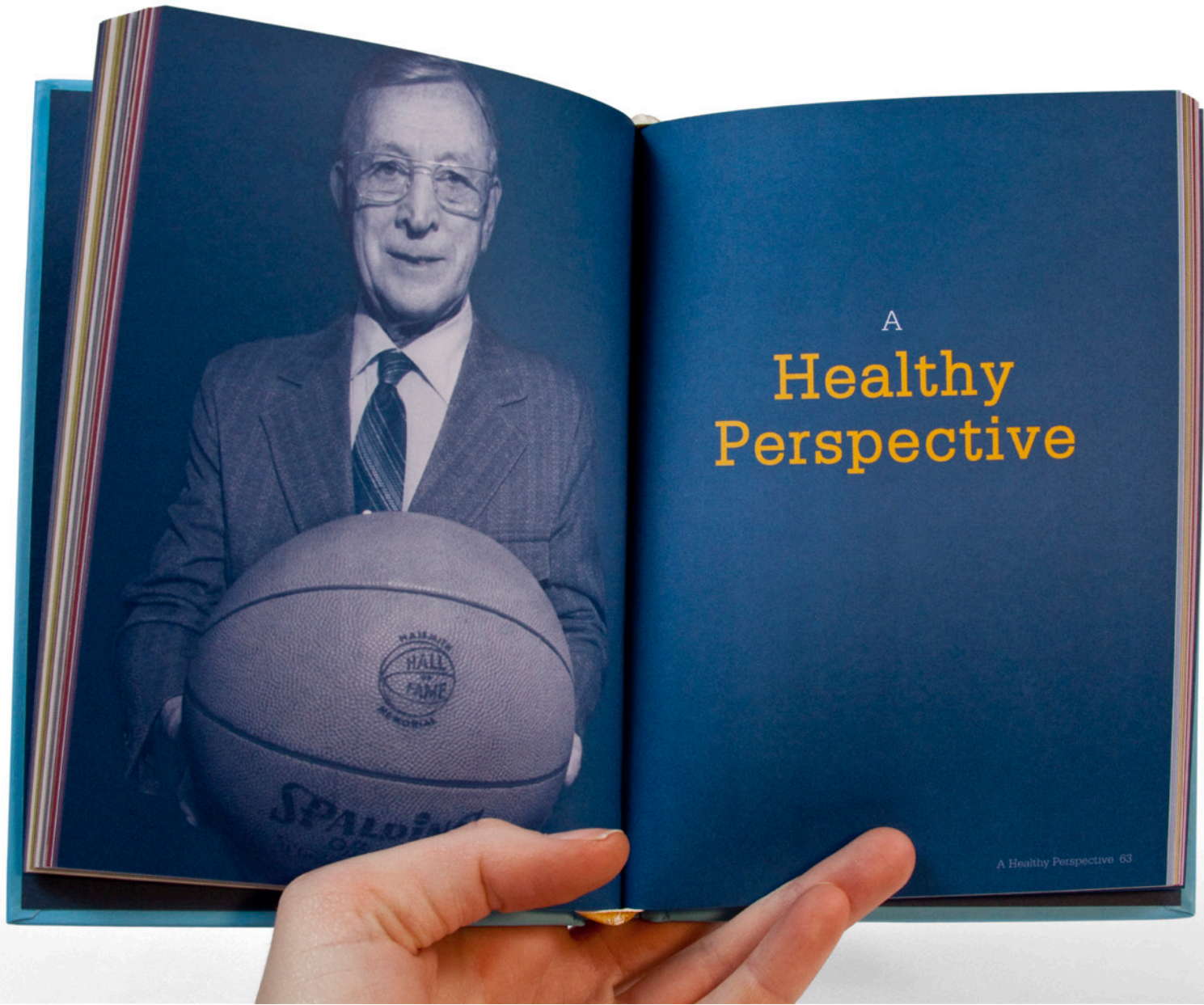
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In 1943,
a friend gave me a small cross,
and I've carried it in a pocket ever since.
It's not a good luck charm
or anything like that,
but I held it in my hand
during games,
and I still grab it
during times of tension.
It reminds me
who is in control
and who I represent.
It probably is a good thing for officials
that I had that
in my hand
when a bad call was made.
Although the phrase
was not in vogue back then,
in a way,
the cross in my pocket
spoke to me and asked
"What would Jesus do?"
in any particular situation.

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I [always] felt that
if [the players] were
fully prepared,
we would do
just fine.

If we won, great—
frosting on the cake.
But at no time
did I consider
winning
to be the cake.
Winning has always
been the frosting
that made the cake
a little tastier.

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