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Dear Dr. Davis:

Yesterday morning Earl Falkenstien conversed with me concerning certain rules of the Big Six as they bear upon post-season games and A and B games.

The newspaper men called me saying that they had talked to you and there is a question whether the B game that we tentatively scheduled with the University of Wichita was to be counted as an additional game on the varsity. They seemed to think that the Board was not clear on this point. The matter of scheduling a game with Oklahoma A. and M. after the regular games of the Big-Six Conference were played was also questioned, as well as the matter of B teams playing men who were freshmen in other schools.

The conference rule is quite clear that there may be two teams, the A team and the B team. The A team is permitted to play a full schedule of games allowed by the conference. There is also permission granted for playing B games, but at no institution of our Big Six Conference have there been as many B games played as A games.

You will recall a few years ago when Missouri, under Coach Don Farout, played some early B games against Kirksville Central College. He used several of his varsity regulars in the B game. The Missouri authorities were under the impression that these regulars could play on the B team and then play the full number of games on the A, or regular varsity schedule. The conference authorities ruled that no player could participate in games to exceed the regularly allowed varsity schedule. In other words, it was permissible for a varsity player to play in two or three B games, but each game counted as varsity competition. The player could still be furnished to the varsity team, but the three B games counted as full games of competition.

You will remember that we have played a number of B basketball games heretofore. For a couple of years we played two B games with the Aggies and B games against Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. This is not a precedent for us, it is a practice that has been followed for several years heretofore. When we played Southwestern College, of course, even our Varsity played against freshmen, as did the Kansas State football team this year, when they played against Kansas Teachers of Emporia. About one-half of the members of the Emporia team are freshmen. They play under their conference rules and we play under ours. This would be exactly the case with Wichita University.

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