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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Your proposal for a four team set-up on the 15th and 16th consisting of Oklahoma, Iowa Pre-Flight, Kansas and Missouri is very attractive. The ability of Pre-Flight to participate is doubtful, as you know. It is with Bruce that I am more concerned, though, because he stated several times and very emphatically that he never would consider entering a contest with a Big Six team in an exhibition game. I really don't believe he will change from that stand.

As I see the possibilities, then, they are:

1. Oklahoma, Pre-Flight, Kansas, and some other non-conference team could take the dates of the 15th and 16th with Oklahoma and Kansas exchanging opponents but not meeting each other.

Again, I am sure that is the only way Bruce will come. That will leave us out, but don't fear any hurt feelings of Missouri. You see I am volunteering to withdraw simply in order to let Bruce live up to his desire to meet only non-conference teams, and I can assure you no resentment will be felt by me. Also, if any Missouri followers complain I'll make proper explanations.

I should like to point out that you still will have the problem of finding a fourth team,- the difficulty which handicaps the plans for the 22nd and 23rd.

2. If Bruce will reconsider, and Pre-Flight is available, so that you could use Missouri on the 15th I'll try to change our Westminster dates. This can be done all right, but I don't care to discuss it with Kimbrell until something is definite about Oklahoma and Pre-Flight.

Have you thought about Kansas State being sore about elimination from the K.C. games and the substitution of Oklahoma ?

3. Continue trying to find a fourth team for our series on the 22nd and 23rd.

Could Pre-Flight be obtained ? Unless they already have those dates taken it would be as easy for them to join us with K. State as to join you and Oklahoma.

I side with you in questioning the choice of Washburn, but would favor them over dropping the games. Other suggestions,- probably no better,- are Rockhurst, Warrensburg, Wichita, Olathe Naval Base, Pittsburgh, Maryville, Emporia Teachers. These are none of as great drawing power as Iowa Pre-Flight or Oklahoma A & M, but would be better than no program at all. Rockhurst certainly would bring lots of people.