

September 2, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
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Dear Bruce:

After reading your letter I quite agree with you that the double round robin would not be practical or financially advisable. I can see your angle, and I quite agree with you.

I am hoping that Louis Menze, as soon as they get the poll from the directors, will suggest that we meet in Kansas City either September 11 or 18. I do think that we should get our schedule straightened out as soon as possible. I do not believe the directors are going to meet - they think they wouldn't have enough business - but I do not believe they will vote to permit us to play AAU teams. They will feel that they let down the bars only for patriotic reasons and we can play the service teams, but I do not believe they will allow us to commercialize our sport by playing AAU teams. Of course, athletics are not commercialized, but the vulgar workers say, No, that would be a lowering of the standard.

I don't blame you, Bruce, and if you want to play them, as far as I am concerned, it is fine but I don't believe the solons will let us do it.

How in the world did you make \$500 clear in Kansas City? What percentage of gate did they give you plus the 14 watches? It looks as if I did break them loose somewhat from their grasping tactics of taking everything but the water bucket. I still don't think they will permit us to play in Oklahoma City or Kansas City, but why don't you reach out with that and see if you can get it across?

Regarding swapping games, I do not believe wither that the Big Six will change the matter of guarantee. The Missouri Valley swaps games but the Big Six has a set of rules that must be followed and cannot be changed only with the consent of the athletic directors and the faculty representatives. I don't blame you for not wanting to give some of those schools half of your money, but I think if you will look up our guarantees and Oklahoma's guarantees you will find that we have paid Oklahoma more money than they have paid us, although you have nearly double the seating capacity.