

August 25, 1943.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
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Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your very nice letter of August 23. The athletic directors had thought that Saturday, September 4, in Kansas City would be a good time to meet, but Mike Ahearn thought there was no necessity for a director's meeting and thought that the basketball coaches should meet some time soon to draw up a basketball schedule. However, he stated that there would be no basketball team at Kansas State this year.

It will be a five-team league, I guess, and it might be possible for us to play two games at each place rather than the single game. It would save expenses and make a better set-up, I believe. What do you think about it?

Our school is out here September 11, but of course I could come in any time. How would September 11 or 18 suit you in Kansas City? I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I am sending to the basketball coaches asking them to communicate with Louie Menze and see when a date would be acceptable to the group.

Answering your query regarding Oklahoma City and Kansas City, there is a rule in the Big Six against that, but of course we would be tickled to death to play if and when the big-wigs would let us but they (the faculty people) have never let Kansas appear in any city for some reason. The Big Ten permits their schools to meet in any city, but our Big Six is still provincial. Maybe you and some of the other boys could get it across, but if I would attempt it, it would just be thumbs down. Nebraska and Missouri seem to not desire too much participation in the large cities on our part. You will remember that we were denied the right to play in Madison Square Garden until Missouri and Oklahoma tied for the Big Six championship, and then straightaway Missouri and Oklahoma played, and we came along later. Remember? So, taking that as a basis it might be well for you to work through some other source to get the job done.

Thanks for your kind words. Best wishes to you, Bruce.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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