

August 10, 1942.

Mr. Harry H. Welsh, Jr.,
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
922 Walnut Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Harry:

I, too, am happy that we were able to come to a decision that seems to have universal approval. I assure you that I will be very happy to consistently cooperate with you for our mutual benefit. I am glad that you and Dorman O'Leary are enthusiastic about the double-header plans for next year. You remember that I told you it would be necessary for you and Dorman both to use your good offices with the Big Six Conference faculty representatives in influencing their decision to permit such situations as this.

I see no reason why Big Six teams should not be able to play each other in the auditorium. They play service teams and the reason they permit that is from the patriotic standpoint. The service teams need money. While they need competition, their greatest need is money, and the Big Six Conference permits it. Certainly the Big Six teams need money. All their treasuries will be in bad shape. However, before the year is over the Big Six Conference will, I believe, permit their own teams to play each other in cities in which their schools are not located.

If you and Dorman can have a huddle with C. E. McBride I am sure that you could restore the Kansas-Missouri indoor track meet in Kansas City, and while you are doing that it would be an easy matter to permit basketball teams to play in cities wherein the universities are not located. An expectant and a watchful policy will do this job if you and Dorman can start the ball rolling. We have two alumni members in Kansas City and if you and Dorman could meet with your representative committees at a luncheon some time I am sure that you could get the job well on the way. The reason that I am mentioning this is that there will be a faculty meeting of the Big Six in Kansas City in early September and another in December. It is so much easier to get the job done when the faculty meeting is in Kansas City than when they meet at Lincoln or elsewhere in May. The faculty are always more accessible and susceptible to you in Kansas City during the winter meeting. I believe you get my point.

I am sure that we will have a very fine crowd because I propose to make this a great patriotic gathering as well as fine athletic contests. With us in the war up to our necks and our playing the service teams it lends itself to a fine patriotic endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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