

December 15, 1942.

Mr. Reaves Peters,
342 So. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

I am acknowledging receipt of your circular letter to the basketball coaches of the Big Six. I assure you that I will be very happy to cooperate with you in every respect in naming officials closer to the scene than the ones already agreed upon.

I believe, however, that the Commissioner should send the names of the officials available to the coaches concerned and let them scratch off in first trial some of those that would not be acceptable. Or, send a total list of the ones that the Commissioner approves and then ask the coaches to set out any reason why they would not care to use certain officials.

There is a very definite feeling, and I am not sure that it is justified at all that the Kansas City, Missouri, high school group of coaches of former days and the officials who worked those games unconsciously fraternize to the exclusion of some of the younger officials who cannot break through. To be explicit, I am mentioning the fact that Louie Menze formerly coached at Central, George Edwards coached at Westport, you at Northeast, House, Newman, Parke Carroll, Ted O'Sullivan, Eddie Hess, and so forth. You know the situation. It is not imagination on my part to know that old ties do have their advantages and disadvantages. I believe you know what I mean.

I am speaking very frankly to you, Reaves, with a view of cooperating one hundred per cent.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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