

Mr. Bus Hen, of the Daily Oklahoman, has long desired to promote a tournament in Oklahoma City under the auspices of the Daily Oklahoman, and he has often appealed to the Big Six conference for permission and has been refused. For this reason Oklahoma questioned the right of Kansas to enter the Washburn tournament.

On December 12, 1939, I wrote Professor Davis a letter setting forth certain precedents which had been previously established in basketball, which to my manner of thinking made it legitimate for the University of Kansas to enter the Washburn tournament on December 28, 29 and 30. In a certain paragraph on page two of Professor Davis's letter I refer to three years ago when the University of Missouri basketball team played two games with the University of Colorado at Denver, in the city auditorium and not in the university gymnasium at Boulder where they would have been legitimate under Big Six rules. I further refer to a case where the University of Nebraska played the University of California two games of basketball, as well as games against Stanford, in the city auditorium at San Francisco, and not at Berkeley or at Palo Alto where the games would have been legitimate according to the Big Six conference.

I hold in my hand at the present time a basketball schedule of the University of Nebraska for 1939-40 which was printed by the athletic association at the University of Nebraska, and which is similar to our basketball schedule, announcing that on December 30 the University of Nebraska will play the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, and not at Madison, which would have made this game legitimate. Mind you, no permission was asked by Nebraska for this exception and nothing has been done about it to date, similar to the activity of the faculty representatives in regard to the Washburn tournament.

There is one other explanation I wish to make. When the Big Six faculty representatives and the athletic directors met in Kansas City on December 8 and 9, 1939, we had a scheduled game with Central Missouri State Teachers College, at Warrensburg, Missouri, on the 8th which prevented my being in attendance on that date. I came in to Kansas City early the morning of the 9th, but had been told that Professor Davis left on the 8 o'clock train for Lawrence. I met some of the faculty representatives and they told me that I was to see Professor Davis. Of course, this was impossible because he had left. They stated that Professor Davis would explain the position of the conference. I talked to Director Henry, but he had rather a vague understanding of what the faculty members had done, so it was necessary for me to wait until Monday morning to get in touch with Professor Davis. The basketball coaches of the Big Six had their basketball rules interpretation on Sunday morning, and on Sunday afternoon as chairman of the Fifth District of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, it was my duty to interpret the rules in an open meeting to basketball coaches, officials and players there in Kansas City.