

December 12, 1939.

Professor W. W. Davis,
Faculty Representative, Big Six Conference,
University of Kansas.

Dear Professor Davis:

I respectfully petition you to consider several precedents which have been established in basketball which would make it legitimate for the University of Kansas to enter the Washburn College tournament under Washburn's direct auspices on December 28, 29 and 30.

I refer you to a tournament of games played in December, 1934, at St. Louis, Missouri, between the University of Missouri, the University of Illinois, Washington University and St. Louis University. I have just talked over the telephone to Craig Ruby, of Kansas City, who was varsity basketball coach at the University of Illinois at that time, and it is his opinion that the first set of games were staged in the Washington field house with Washington playing Illinois and Missouri playing St. Louis University. Illinois won and St. Louis University won. The next night the games were staged in St. Louis University's gymnasium with the winners playing the winners and the losers playing the losers. Illinois defeated St. Louis University, and Missouri, it seems to me, defeated Washington University. This was a basketball tournament played between Missouri Valley Conference schools, a Big Six school and a Big Ten school.

On December 20, 1935, the University of Southern California, the University of Missouri, Kansas State College, and the University of Kansas played in a basketball tournament which was under the auspices of the University of Kansas. The first night the University of Kansas played and defeated Southern California in the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Kansas. Kansas State also defeated the University of Missouri the same night. On December 21, 1935, the same teams moved across the state line and played a series of games in Convention Hall in Kansas City, Missouri. It was agreed between the four teams that the winners would play the winners, and the losers would play the losers. Therefore, the University of Missouri played the University of Southern California, both teams having lost the previous night, and the University of Southern California won. The University of Kansas played Kansas State, and won the second contest.

It seems to me these are two perfectly parallel cases where Missouri Valley schools and Big Six schools met with outside university teams who were not members of either organization. The only difference is that there were two less teams in this tournament than the Washburn management contemplates.