

These games in St. Louis were played in college halls under college management and no hall rental was paid. The games that were played in Kansas City had hall rental taken out of the gate receipts for both contests, but money was made on both games. In the Washburn College tournament which is contemplated, there will be no hall rental because the games are to be played in the Washburn field house on the Washburn campus and no rental is to be charged for the building.

May I call your attention to the fact that the Drake Relays which are under the auspices of Drake University are in a nature very similar to these basketball tournaments that have been played by these Big Six and Missouri Valley schools. Drake University, being a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, accepts entries from the Big Six and all other schools for their Relays. The entries are sent in to the Drake Relays management, which makes the drawings and determines what teams are to run against other teams. There are preliminaries and trials one day where the losers are eliminated and the winners are pitted against the winners. This seems to me a parallel case which is long established and which has never been questioned.

A competitive meet or tournament, according to Webster, is practically the same - "a meeting for contests in athletic or special sports; any trial of skill in which several or many contend in a series of contests."

I assure you I had no notion of doing anything but what had already been done several times over. If I had had any notion at all that the conference would have questioned it I would have asked our director of athletics and our faculty representative to take the matter up. Having been present in St. Louis when the tournaments were played, and being with Coach Edwards after the game, I considered it perfectly regular. I am quite sure that Missouri did not ask any interpretation or permission to play these games in St. Louis, feeling they had a perfect right to do so. It was for that reason that I thought it was not necessary to ask permission from the conference on this similar set-up.

It is a well-known fact that Big Six teams in the last few years have played their university opponents in auditoria in other cities rather than in the cities in which the universities they were playing are located. I am not referring to Madison Square Garden or any places where professional promoters have long arranged schedules, but I am mentioning the fact that university teams who are members of the Big Six Conference have arranged games with university managements and then the games have not been played on the college field house or auditorium floor.