

August 12, 1939.

Mr. Gene Kenper,
Topeka Daily Capital,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Gene:

I have your letter of August 1st and am answering it just prior to my leaving for St. Louis and Atlanta.

I imagine the reason that you are planning to play at the Washburn Fieldhouse is on account of the new auditorium or municipal building not being finished in time for the December games. Am I correct in this assumption? If it were played in the municipal building this tournament would still be under the auspices of Washburn College and it would be legal as far as the Big Six is concerned.

I have had several games under consideration, and on account of the pressure I would want to close up as soon as possible. When Quinn spoke to me a couple of months ago regarding this proposition I called Frank Root to get his reaction and he said that he would be glad to play, only he had two games that were not scheduled on his next year's calendar, and it would be impossible for him to play three games. However, he said he would write Earlham College or one of the other schools in the east and if they release him he could play the three games.

I suggested that if he could only play the two games then it might be arranged to have Kansas State play two and leave a day before the tournament was finished and let one of the other teams finish out the Kansas State schedule. However, I would like very much to see Kansas State in the tournament.

I frankly believe that the Big Six would give Kansas State permission to play in every game if they would ask for it. Doubtless Jack Gardner would be as willing as Frank Root to get out of one of those eastern games to play in Kansas on these dates. I am only passing this along for your information so that you might know the background.

This is only a suggestion, but would it not be better to take the first and second teams in the Central Conference and the Kansas Conference, or is that what you are planning on doing?

If you will write me after your findings on August 15th your letter will be forwarded to me at Atlanta and I will write you