

September 8, 1939.

Mr. B. F. Van Alstyne,
Basketball Coach,
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East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Van:

I am answering your favor of September 2nd to see if there is a possibility of playing you on your way back from the coast. We are playing Southern Methodist here in Lawrence on December 18 and 19 just before our school closes for the Christmas holidays. This would preclude the possibility of playing you on December 20, but we might take you on your way back from California or Colorado.

Of course, I told you that Lawrence is a small college town of 16,000 white people, a thousand Indians at Haskell Institute, and about 4,500 students at K. U., so you can add it up. When our four thousand students leave for the holidays we don't have much to draw from. However, I would be glad to play you some time after Christmas if that would suit your convenience.

You mention dedicating your new field house on February 10. We are playing Iowa State here on February 12 in one of our Big Six Conference championship games, but if arrangements could be made satisfactorily I would be willing to come up to East Lansing and contribute to your jollification. We are in position here financially that we could not afford to lose any money on such a trip, but if you could pay our expenses or give us a sum ample to cover our expenses I would be willing to take a shot at it even though we would be forced to travel the full time, returning home just in time to meet Iowa State. Many conference coaches do not want to gamble on an outside game when it jeopardizes their conference schedule, but I would be willing to gamble on it a little if all arrangements work out satisfactorily.

By the way, I think I should mention to you that we have three games yet remaining on our permissible number of playing games. There is a movement on foot to have Kansas State and Kansas and some of the schools adjacent to Topeka, Kansas, play in a collegiate tournament in Topeka on the 27, 28 and 29 of December. Things have been moving along pretty rapidly toward the tournament idea up until a short time ago, but at present there seems to be a lull in the movement. Of course, the newspaper in Topeka is behind the movement. If the plan does go through before we agree to play our games with you, then of course I would not have an opportunity to go through with your proposition. We are limited to twenty games in all, and when we schedule that number we are prohibited from playing further. If you will write me quite definitely of your proposition and it arrives before the other