

Mr. Lawrence Perry

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who apparently printed a story to the effect that the University of Kansas team was to play here in a tournament next season. First of all, if Kansas is to play its game it will not be arranged by me but by the institution it will play. Secondly, the New York school which invites Kansas here will make all arrangements and it will be played as a regular contest included in that institution's 1940-41 intercollegiate schedule and not as any part of a tournament.

The only tournament which will be held here is a post season affair conducted and sponsored by the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee, whose membership, as previously stated, is composed of ten local colleges. The 1940 National Tournament was conducted by this body through a Tournament Committee composed of Professor Walter Williamson, of City College, Chairman, Herb Kopf of Manhattan College, Lou Oshins of Brooklyn College, Asa Bushnell of the Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics and Everett Morris of the New York Herald Tribune, representing the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association. This group considered the list of teams eligible to play, issued the invitations, selected the officials and in all ways actively supervised the conduct of the Tournament.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. McBride and also to Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director of Physical Education at the University of Kansas, so that they also will have a clear picture of conditions surrounding college basketball games in Madison Square Garden.

If at any future time you desire any further information regarding basketball in Madison Square Garden I would be glad to furnish it to the best of my ability, or if I do not have the information I would be only too glad to secure it for you.

Sincerely yours

Director of Basketball
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