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Mr. Tom Van Cleave,
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Dear Tommy:

Thank you for your good letter of the 27th instant. I have been on the go so much that I hardly know whether I live here or in Kokomo.

I am happy to have this partial information regarding Ray Evans. I understand on pretty good authority that we are going to be successful in landing this boy and I want to thank you and the other Kansas City, Kansas, group for doing the things that you have done. I am quite anxious to see Ray Evans matriculate at the University of Kansas, as I am also especially interested in seeing Bill Brill come here. You can tell Bill that we will definitely give him help. When I promise a boy anything he gets it, and I will see that he does. I would also like to see this boy Hedrick enroll at K. U., and I will be disappointed if we can't land all three of these good Wyandotte boys.

I will see you in a short while and talk shop with you. I am almost through with my hectic basketball season, and will I be happy to draw a long breath!

Thank you for your kind wishes regarding our basketball season. You were no more dubious of our team's chances than I was. If we can only clean up on the Sooners it would be one of the most glorious achievements in all of my basketball coaching, but I am not sure but what the boys are a little too tired after the very heavy strain they have gone through. When we play Friday night we will have played six games in seventeen days, and that is quite an order especially when they are all laying for us.

Tommy, I greatly appreciate words of encouragement from you or from Maurice. You have been a pair of old "Musketeers" that I can depend on very definitely. So when you compliment me remember it makes me feel mighty good.

I wish we could get this Wyandotte band for both nights - March 22 and 23 - as it would be Friday and Saturday nights, but if we could get them for one night and then get another high school band for the next night I would appreciate it. I know this