

May 16, 1939.

Mr. M. G. Vols,
First Trust Company,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Nutt:

This will acknowledge your favor of the 13th instant. May I say in all frankness that I stated to the Big Six coaches that I desired a word of explanation as to why I was not recommending you as one of the officials for Kansas to use, since heretofore, from the start, I had been the chief booster in respect to your officiating.

I reiterated the experiences that I had since Earl Falkenstein came to me and told me your objection to the expense account, and I told them of the letter that I had written to you. I think Browne perhaps misquoted me on saying that you wrote a sarcastic letter to me. The sarcastic statement, as I recall, was made to Mr. Falkenstein about the Big Six not wanting the Big Six officials to travel in a dignified fashion consistent with their work.

In your letter of January 14 you state, "Will you be kind enough to accept my apologies if I seemed to be a little unjust in my expressions to Mr. Falkenstein." It was nothing that you said to me, but rather what you said to him that caused me to write you in my first letter of January 12, and again on January 16.

With all frankness I wish to say that not only I noticed a change in your attitude since these letters, but all the boys on the team complained very bitterly of your attitude in the games. Particularly did they mention the three games that we won - Missouri at Lawrence on January 18, Kansas at Manhattan on January 20, and on February 25 Oklahoma at Lawrence. Generally the boys do not kick when they win. Frankly, Nutt, it seemed to me like we were on the spot, and upon two occasions I resolved that I was going to say something to you about it immediately after the game. And then I changed my mind.

Nutt, I want to say that my friendship and admiration for you has also been of long standing, but I felt if I had endeavored to straighten this difficulty out with you that if you felt that way about it there was nothing else that I could do. I will be glad to personally meet and discuss with you this matter any time at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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