December 5, 1938.

Coach Elbert W. Thompson,
1120 Cleveland,
Wichita, Kansas.

Dear Coach Thompson:

I beg your pardon for the delay in replying to your inquiry of recent date.

The best thing I can refer you to regarding basketball plays is my new book, "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill Company of New York. The book sells for $4.00.

I have included in this book all the latest developments of the game. The plays that we use are very carefully and clearly described, and the book is profusely illustrated with diagrams and photographs. It is designed to be of help to both the coach and the player.

I imagine your library has this book. If you care to have an autographed copy for yourself, I shall be glad to mail a copy to you postpaid on receipt of your check or money order for $4.00. I am enclosing some printed material which describes the book more clearly than I can do in a letter.

If I can be of any further service to you I shall be glad to hear from you again.

With best wishes for the success of your team, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1120 Cleveland
Wichita, Kansas
Nov. 22nd 1938.

Dr. F. C. Allen
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am coaching a group of boys, High School age, and am writing to you in regard to obtaining some Basketball plays.

I admire your system and teams and would like to know if you could help us in that respect. If you have some old plays that you have discarded and that you could send them to me, I would deeply appreciate it, or if you sell them, tell me the price and I will gladly pay for them. I will also pay the postage. I will close expecting an early answer —

Thanking you in advance

I remain,
Elbert W. Thompson Coach
1120 Cleveland
Wichita, Kansas.

December 6, 1938.

Mr. Ed Thelen,
Southeast High School,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Eddie:

Acting upon your request of last Saturday morning, I am sending you a description of the construction of our cinder track.

I discussed it with Tom Jones, of the University of Wisconsin, and they used big rocks at the bottom, and then other coaches have used bricks for a base. But we have found that water stands underneath the track when heavy rocks or bricks are used, while it trickles through the cinders. You will note that we have used clay mixed with the cinders rather than top loam.

Now, Eddie, the way to get this mixed for the top dressing is to take a flat wooden box, say 2 inches deep, or 3 inches, and about 18 inches wide. Just make some little boxes. This will simulate the top dressing of the track. Mix your clay and cinders together, then wet it down and set it out in the sun to dry. You can then get the adhesive qualities that you desire by adding more clay or less, according to what you as a track man think you need as a binder.

This Fordson tractor we hooked up with a belt to a grinding machine and ground the cinders and put the clay in so that they would mix properly. You can get those mixers for grinding up small rocks or brick. We just set it fine and ground up the cinders like a coffee grinder grinds up the coffee bean. I think you get enough of the idea to help you somewhat.

I was in on the building of our track and I know all about it. I believe we have a good one.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Construction of Cinder Track at Memorial Stadium,
University of Kansas.

In construction of the cinder track 14 inches of fine cinders were used for a base, then 4 inches of fine cinders on top.

To be sure to get the proper mixture of the additional 2 inches of combination dressing, we took four part of the fine head-end or especially prepared cinders and mixed them with one part of good old Kansas clay. By moistening this mixture and baking it in the sun, we arrived at a mixture that would set well for track and yet not become too hard so that the spikes would fail to penetrate.

My notion is that other clay may be a little different from ours here. You may have to use three parts. The way we mixed this clay and cinders was as follows: we used our Fordson tractor, attached a small brick or cinder crusher. We fed the cinders in together with the clay, and when this came out, it was properly mixed. Then we hauled it on the track by wagon loads and spread it there. After wetting it down a couple of times, we rolled it.

Chas:

Will you write me a letter giving me as much information as possible on the construction of your cinder running track.

Ed. Shelen
Southeast N.S.
K. C. Mo

December 31, 1938.

Mr. Taft Talbot,
R. S. Elliott Arms Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Taft:

I haven't heard a word about those lastex socks that you were rushing through an order for when I saw you at the Kansas City Athletic Club on December 3rd. I am wondering what happened to them.

We are badly in need of these socks and I would like to have a progress report on their manufacture and shipment.

Wishing you a very prosperous New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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January 12, 1939.

Mr. T. L. Thaxton,
915 Grand Avenue,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Thaxton:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to Ted O'Sullivan about your Foot-So-Port shoes. Mr. O'Sullivan is one of our Big Six basketball officials, and worked in the Sugar Bowl game as a football official. He is in the insurance business there in Kansas City.

I examined his feet on the way back from Oklahoma and recommended your shoes.

I am still wearing the ones I got from you, and some of them are becoming pretty badly worn. I will have to drop in to see you shortly.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Aug 1, 1939
Phoenix, Ariz.

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Dr. F. C. Allen
Robinson Gym.
University of Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

When God first created this old earth, I think He meant for all of it to be like some of the places of beauty. Places where flowers and green grass grows under trees waving in a cool breeze, over all which would fall an occasional refreshing shower of rain. Arizona would have been like this if she had not been forgotten midst the rush of other things. However, the sun, seeing this great oversight, attempted to right this great inequality by blessing Arizona with sunshine. And bless it so it did! In other words, Dr. Allen, it is quite warm here, and I do not believe there is any danger of sudden snow.

Dr. Allen, I would like to put in my application for

a job in the towel-room. The reason for this request is that I just received a letter from the CSEP office saying that I would not have a job for the coming year. I was counting rather strongly on my old job back under Mr. Ebbel, for it meant the difference between going back to school and staying home. There is little need of my beating around the bush as to the cause of my failure to secure the job. The truth will always out in end anyway, so here goes. In order to maintain a CSEP job, one must hold an average of 1.3 in his scholastic standing. This is an easy rating and no one should complain about. It is with great personal shame that I say I slipped below so easy a mark. My average for last semester is only 1.13, so I am quite a bit too low. So at this late date I turn to you and hope that I will not be too

late. I would indeed be very grateful to you if I could secure a job.

My summer has been a complete dud. I have become badly lost in the shuffle in trying to compete with WPA, unionization, and untold numbers of other young men who need jobs just as bad as I do. As the result, I have not been able to secure a single day's work. It was Sherman who said, "War is hell." It is I who say, "Unemployment is hell." Despite all this sob stuff, I am going to finish school if I have to coin my own money to do it. It has been done before.

Well, Doctor, I hope that your summer has been one of your best. You only have a short time remaining before you have to go back to your old grind, so enjoy yourself to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,
Red Thompson

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February 28, 1939.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,
Kansas State High School Activities Assn.,
204 National Reserve Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 24th instant.

We are very anxious to have a copy of your report on sports participation in the Kansas high schools for this year just as soon as it is compiled. We shall appreciate it if you will send the report when it is ready.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

OFFICE PHONE 2-0370
RESIDENCE PHONE 2-0175

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

E.A.THOMAS
COMMISSIONER

MEMBER OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS
ROOM 204· NATIONAL RESERVE BUILDING
TOPEKA

February 24, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

According to the reports we have received, there were more than thirty high schools in the state which played six-man football last fall. Included in this number were Ada, Asherville, Beattie, Bern, Bogue, Burr Oak, Dorrance, Enterprise, Gaylord, Goff, Hanston, Havensville, Hope, Ionia, Jewell, Johnson, Kanorado, Kismet, Leonardville, Mahaska, Mayetta, Pomona, Quenemo, Randall, Roosevelt of Emporia, Saffordville, Satanta, Simpson, Soldier, Tribune, Ulysses, Viola and Webber.

I am sorry but the total number of schools playing six-man football as well as the participation in each sport will not be available until the annual reports are received late this spring. If you desire to have a summary of these reports after they have been compiled, I shall be glad to send one to you.

Cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas

E. A. Thomas
Commissioner

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February 22, 1939.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,
High School Activities Association,
207 National Reserve Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am wondering if you have a reportaat this time on the sports activities of the high schools in Kansas for the fall of 1938.

You were kind enough to send us a report on the sports participated in by Kansas high schools for last year, and now we are desirous of having such a report for this year.

I am particularly interested to know the number of high schools playing six-man football. Do you have any figures on this, and do you have any indication of the trend of this sport among the high schools?

With appreciation for any information you can send, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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April 10, 1939.

Mr. Harry terBraak, Jr.,
Associate Secretary, Y.M.C.A.,
Hamilton, Ohio.

Dear Mr. terBraak:

I was glad to receive your kind note of April 3 and to know of your interest in athletics. Thank you for your kind wishes for our Kansas teams and their success.

It is a pleasure to respond to your request for my autograph.

With best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

HAMILTON, OHIO

April 3, 1939.

Coach F. C. Allen,
c/o U. of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Coach Allen:

My purpose in writing you is to secure your autograph, if I may. I have a hobby of collecting the signatures of athletes & coaches.

I have heard a great deal about you thru a coach I had - Eugene Kimbrell - at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Needless to say further, I would deeply appreciate your autograph.

Thanking you for your kind consideration & wishing you & your Kansas teams continued success, I am

Sincerely,

Harry ter Braak, Jr.,
Assoc. Boys' Secretary

Dougout Allen

May 2, 1939.

W. A. L. Thompson Hardware Co.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

Last September the Department of Physical Education purchased six sponge rubber gymnasium mats from your firm (#1702 Premier), at a cost of $29.97 each.

These mats have not proven entirely satisfactory. A number of them have torn at the handles, and the stitching seems to be very inadequate. In fact, one mat has completely torn loose around the outer stitching so that the inner filling has no relation to the rubber covering.

We would be very glad to have one of your representatives look at these mats and suggest what might be done to preserve them.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 2, 1939.

Mr. Mark Krouch,
Assistant Business Manager,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Krouch:

I am enclosing carbon copy of a letter I have written to the W. A. L. Thompson Hardware Company, of Topeka, from whom we purchased six sponge rubber gymnasium mats last September. As explained in the letter, we are not satisfied with these mats, and are disappointed that they have not held up any better.

You will doubtless recall that when we submitted our purchase request for the mats we also submitted a bid from the R. S. Elliott Company, of Kansas City. We paid $29.97 each for the mats from Thompson's, and Elliott's bid was $36.00 each, but we had seen a sample of Elliott's mat and knew that it was a good quality.

Naturally we desire to spend our budgetary allowance as economically as possible, and we had expected that the mats would last for a number of years before needing any repair. We trust that when the representative of the Thompson Hardware Company sees the mats he can suggest some way of reinforcing them. I just wanted you to know about the situation.

Thank you for your courteous consideration of our problems in the past, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

April 24, 1939

Memo to Dr, Allen:

Dr. Allen,

The rubber mats, recently purchased for use in the gymnasium have not been very satisfactory. The some of the mats on the men's side have torn at the handles,. The mat I examined at the women's side has completely torn loose around the outer stitching so that the inner filling has no relation to the rubber covering. I believe the stitching on all the mats is not adequate.

Jim.

Write

F. H Cheley
601 Sleeper St
Denver Colo

Mr. Allen
I do not know
what chance there is
but it might be
well to write
Cheley.
Hunt

CAMP SOSAWAGAMING
BIG BAY · MICHIGAN
FOR BOYS
DIRECTOR AND OWNER
L. L. TOUTON · 435 WEST 62nd TERRACE · KANSAS CITY · MO.

May 1, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Just at this time I have an excess of counselors but I will file your letter and if there is a possible chance, I will let Jenkins know.

Sincerely,

L. L. Touton

202 E. Clark
Vermillion, S. Dak.
May 15, 1939.

Dr. "Phog" Allen,
Athletic Director, University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas,

Dear Sir:

Could you give me any information on the opportunities a boy has of obtaining work for his expenses at Kansas University.

My younger brother graduates this year from Tyndall high school, Tyndall, S. Dak. He is an excellent athlete. Having started in basket ball for four years. Besides that he was chosen Valedictorian of his class.

Any information from you will be appreciated as he desires to enter school this fall.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Zaplett

FOOT-SO-PORT
HEALTH SHOES

THAXTON'S FOOT COMFORT SHOP

915 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. January 17th.1939.

Mr Forrest C.Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence Kansas.

Dear Mr Allen,

Your letter of Jan.12th.recieved together with the copy of your letter to your friend and collegue.THANKS very much for your interest and kindness.

The writer has this day forwarded Mr Ted O'Sullivan a copy of our booklet #The Way to Foot Health" and a special invitation that he call at our shop and allow us the priveledge of explaining in detail the many advantages of the Foot-so-Port Shoes.I have explained that there would be no obligation attached.

The writer did not mention your having written as I was not sure this would be to your liking as you did not so authorize.

I am pleased to advise that I have in stock at this writting your size in both black and tan,in the calf leather oxford. and will be very pleased to have your order or better yet to have you drop in at your convenience.

Appreciating the confidence you have in the writer and the sincerety you have shown in our shoes,I remain

Very truly,
The Thaxtons' Foot Comfort Shop.

T. L. Thaxton

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