

May 17, 1939.

Mr. Charles R. Woody,
Acting Superintendent,
Rich Hill Public Schools,
Rich Hill, Missouri.

Dear Superintendent Woody:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant asking about the construction of a running track. In the construction of the cinder track at our stadium we used 14 inches of heavy cinders 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 parts 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.

Your clay may be a little different from ours here. You may have to use three parts of cinders to one part of clay.

We mixed the clay and cinders as follows: we used our Fordson tractor, attached a small brick or cinder crusher, and fed the cinders in together with the clay. When this came out it was properly mixed. This mixture was hauled on the track by wagon loads and spread there. After wetting it down a couple of times, we rolled it. Many people have said that we have one of the best tracks in the country.

If you desire any additional information I shall be glad to hear from you again.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.