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Dear Charlie:

I returned Sunday morning from Ames, Iowa, where I scouted the Iowa State-University of Missouri game at Ames. I am pretty sure that Louis Menze is happy that he got that ball game out of his system.

It seemed as if the Iowa State boys were endeavoring to play up to the high expectations the crowd held for them. They were just one move too fast on all plays. They were jumpy and did not look like the fine Iowa State team that has been setting such a dazzling pace this year. Budolfson, Unkness and Snyder, the main cogs in the Iowa State machine, did not function handily until the second half. But you can see that Iowa State is beautifully drilled and has splendid precision.

After they got over their first half nervousness they went on to win not too easily but convincingly enough to show their power when they are right.

On the other hand, Missouri is bearing out my prognostications of her. She will win a lot of ball games before she is through and I am very much afraid of her when we play at Columbia on Wednesday night. This boy Burns, the center, six feet six, from Joplin, Missouri, is a wonderful player for a sophomore. He plays out in front of the free throw line and feeds the ball to Harvey and Matheney who swing on a post play beautifully. In Evans and Mills Missouri has a sterling pair of clever, versatile and aggressive guards. It is one of the smartest teams that I have seen Missouri have, and Edwards will cause a lot of headaches before he is through.

I am making this statement before the game with Nebraska tonight. It is always difficult for Missouri to win at Lincoln, but unless Nebraska is much stronger than I think she is Missouri will give her a good ball game up there.