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Mr. Charles Chamberlain,
The Associated Press,
Kansas City Star Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Chuck:

I assure you that I did not mean to hurt you, but I wanted to be careful in any quotations I make regarding Tucker. He conducted himself in a most unsportsmanlike fashion in our game at Oklahoma. He ran his hand through Miller's hair, tousled it up and down, than in a kid-like fashion put his finger in Miller's face and whittled it in a most derisive manner. He was a grandstander from beginning to end.

Mere mechanics does not make a great player, in my opinion. Therefore, I was hypersensitive on the statement. We did not scout Oklahoma nor did we have anyone else do so. Personally, I did not want to give Oklahoma or Tucker the satisfaction of thinking that he was important.

Oklahoma played a great game that night and if the individual actions of the players had been as fine as their mechanics it would have been a game of games for people to remember. But Tucker's actions, above all others, cheapened the affair no end.

Getting back to our correspondence, I want to assure you that I meant no offense and certainly I am not in the least angry with you. It is my habit to speak very plainly and I want you to know that it was just an expression honestly made with no malice whatsoever. When you mentioned that you did not want to make enemies, I had not looked at it in that light at all. You certainly are not an enemy of mine, but a friend, and I appreciate your fine letter. You will always have my full cooperation in every possible way, as well as my personal friendship.

Thanking you for your generous letter, and wishing you every success, I am

Sincerely yours,

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