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Mr. Charles Chamberlin,  
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Kansas City Star Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Charlie:

I am sending you the data that you asked for.  
I hope it is satisfactory.

You will pardon me if I call your attention to some erroneous statements that you seem consistently to make. Some of these are as follows: You state that bulletins had been posted on the Kansas dressing room bulletin board heralding the greatness of Tucker. Also you said that I would admit that he was a great player, and so forth. There have been many other statements that you have made which are equally untrue.

No clipping or statement has ever been put on the bulletin board at Kansas regarding Tucker. We consider him an ordinary migrant athlete. We did not scout him in any of our games nor did we scout Oklahoma, nor do we think that he is a great athlete. I consider a great athlete a man who plays great ball and conducts himself on the court as a high grade gentleman. I have two players on my team that I would not trade for Tucker - Charlie Black and Ralph Miller.

They asked me at Oklahoma if I had a statement to make. I said, "None whatever". The reason I do not think that Tucker is a great athlete is because in that game when things were supposed to be athletically at the highest peak from a sportsmanship standpoint Tucker ran his hands through Miller's hair in derision, pointed a cheap finger at his face, and said unsportsmanlike things to him to egg on the crowd which had a distinctly home and partisan flavor. He acted the part of a grand stander throughout the game. We did not prepare for Tucker and we took care of him in a fine, clean way. We preferred to play the ball and not foul the man. But it was the hitting of McCurdy and Roberts on long shots that broke the Kansas defense.

And even then we scored 51 points on Oklahoma at Norman. And we scored but 54 in our crushing defeat of Oklahoma here. It was the unprecedented hot shooting of Oklahoma hitting 39.6% of their shots that defeated Kansas. For your information,