

February 14, 1940.

Mr. Kenneth Caldwell,
201 Santa Fe,
Chamute, Kansas.

Dear Kenny:

I am sending you a copy of the letter I
have just received from Mr. Thomas. Its up to you now.
I hope you will be appointed as one of the officials.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Kansas State High School ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

E. A. THOMAS
COMMISSIONER



MEMBER OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

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February 13, 1940

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

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your letter in regard to Kenneth Caldwell
as an official.

The final selection of the officials rests largely upon
the recommendations of the schools entering the tourna-
ments. I'll be very glad to see that his name is
entered, however, and that he receives every consideration
we are able to give him.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas,
Commissioner.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO

LONDON, CANADA

February 12, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
U. S. A.

Dear Allen:

Under separate cover I am mailing you to-day a copy of a Canadian magazine entitled "The National". I found in it an article on basketball which I thought might interest you as it was some information about Dr. Naismith that I have not seen in any other article.

My purpose, however, in writing you is to ask if you think it would be possible for you to secure a fairly large photo of Dr. Naismith. We propose to build a Field House here some time soon and I am now gathering historical photographs so that we will have something to put on the walls when we finally go into our new building.

Has any photographer in your city the negative and could I secure from them a photo which would be satisfactory to frame? If so, I would appreciate you sending me their address so that I may order the photograph at once.

Mr. T. D. Patton, who I understand is the only living member of the team in Springfield of 1891, is a personal friend of mine and I often see him in Toronto. Through him I secured a copy of the photograph of this first team as well as a copy of the rules that were printed at that time. Both of these we now have, with a good deal of other basketball data, being preserved in our own library here where they can be

Dr. F. C. Allen:

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had for reference.

I am greatly disappointed to think that I am not going to go out to the meeting of the Basketvall Committee this year. Unfortunately, our Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union annual meeting takes place the same week-end and I must be present. My assistant, Lew Davies, however, will attend the Coaches Meeting and you will probably see him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

Howard Crocker

JHC:J

Director of Physical Education

February 10, 1940.

Mr. Kenneth Caldwell,
201 S. Santa Fe. Ave.,
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Kenny:

Well, I am rather proud of you, my boy. I am sorry that you could not come back to school, but I see that you are putting your education into good stead. The fact that you know the rules is a very important requirement for people when they go out and ask money for their services.

I am writing Mr. Thomas and sending you a copy of the letter. I hope that I may be able to serve you at any time it is within my power.

If this George Caldwell was formerly principal at Neodesha, then he is the fellow who played on my basketball team at Teachers College. He is a great fellow and a fine sportsman. When I have spoken at Neodesha several times I have met him and enjoyed visits with him.

Good luck to you, Kenny.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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CHANUTE, KANSAS

February 6, 1940

Dear Doc,

Due to circumstances it will be impossible for me to return to school next semester. I'm terribly sorry but then, I'm young and at the first chance I'll pursue my education.

I have been pretty ^{busy} since returning home. Work at the store during the day and officiating ball games every evening. I get a chance. So far this season I have worked thirteen basketball games and have six remaining to be worked.

Last Friday night I had one of the biggest thrills of my life. I was working a ball game at Walnut and at the expiration of regular playing time the score was tied. Immediately I went to the scorers table where both coaches were waiting for me. I quoted them the rules governing the overtime play

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and much to my surprise both Coaches said I was wrong. The home town coach went hurrying after a rules book and when I read the rules to them I got a great satisfaction for it was they that were wrong instead of me. The ball game lasted approximately two minutes and thirty seconds of the second overtime period before Walnut finally scored a basket and won the game by the score of 20-22.

If it is at all possible I wonder if you would care to help me? I have worked several ball games at Erie this year and Mr Thomas at Topeka has located one of the Class B tournaments there. Mr Caldwell, Supt. and Ralph Wilson, Coach of the high school were well pleased with my work and wanted me as one of the officials for the tournament. They have sent my name to Mr Thomas but, of course, I realize that he has charge of hiring the officials and would like for you to put in a good word for me if you would. Sincerely Ken Caldwell

February 10, 1940.

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

Dear E. A.:

I have just received a letter from Kenneth Caldwell from Chanute, Kansas. Kenneth states that he ran a ball game at Walnut the other night in which it was necessary for him to not only quote the rules but to referee what I learn was a very satisfactory ball game. It was an overtime game and Kenny knew the rules so well that both coaches were well pleased with his work.

Kenneth states that he has worked several ball games at Erie this year for Mr. Caldwell, the superintendent, and for Ralph Wilson, the coach of the high school. He states that they have suggested they would be happy to have him as one of the officials for the tournament if you have not already made your selection and if you would care to nominate him.

Since you are the man who hires the officials, I thought I would write and tell you that Kenneth is clean, capable and resourceful. Not only did he play at Chanute, but he took my basketball course, and I believe he knows the responsibilities and the requirements of officiating. I will appreciate it if you can give him your careful consideration.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 12, 1940.

Mr. Harold Claassen,
c/o Associated Press,
Star Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Spike:

I am mighty happy to receive your letter of the 9th instant and to know that your knee and shoulder are improved. Mrs. Allen will be happy to know that you enjoyed that near masterpiece, "Gone With the Wind".

Come see us again, often.

I am sending you one of my "Six and Sixty Basketball Brevities" for your perusal. I wrote it the other night prescribing each and every one of the brevities to one of the weaknesses of my men on the squad. I am giving a copy to each member, telling them to carry them in their pocket and read them over every day and see how many new angles on basketball they can get out of it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education & Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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February 13, 1940.

Mr. Johnnie Corrigan, Principal,
Powhattan Rural High School,
Powhattan, Kansas.

Dear Johnnie:

Pardon me for not answering your good letter sooner. You are exactly right regarding the foul with 30 seconds to go. I would not throw the free throw, and take the ball out of bounds.

Thank you very kindly for your nice words regarding the Topeka clinic. I thought we had a fine group of high school coaches and it was a pleasure to speak to them.

Johnnie, I have just written a letter to Adrian Brennan, of Bloomfield, Conn., endeavoring to explain our defense. We play a man to man defense with assignments, and only when we are outnumbered in location or position do we play the principle of the zone defense. When two men attack one of our defensive men, that one defensive man plays the zone. He does not rush out too far, nor does he retreat and play only one man. He plays equidistant between the two regardless of their thrusts, yet he always keeps in mind that he must be the defendant of that basket and he dare not go out too far for fear the other man will cut in after receiving the ball and lay the ball up for a goal.

This is equally true when three men attack two men. We play the principle of the zone, but instead of having our guards float we have the men in an anterior-posterior position. Then by quick shifting we protect the vulnerable point and still play a man to man game with the zone principle.

Study the team defense in Better Basketball with those pictures and exposition, and they will thoroughly explain it. I wish I could write you more at length, but if I have an opportunity to talk to you I will clarify any points that you ask. We play a transitional man for man defense with the zone principle. That means it is a strata of one and a strata of the other, and the transition must become liquid to permit this defense to function.

We haven't changed our style one iota, although we do have different types of men who play differently from one college generation to the other. Therefore, we must adjust our manipulations on offense and defense to suit the peculiarities of the player.

I haven't told you a thing new, but if I have clarified any points I am happy for it.

I want to congratulate you on the fact that you can go way out of your class as far as enrollment and competition is concerned, and lick Atchison, Leavenworth, and St. Joe. Brother, you are a real coach when you have done that. I think you have done a marvelous job.

With all good wishes, and congratulations on your success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.
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POWHATTAN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOHNNIE CORRIGAN, Principal

POWHATTAN, KANSAS

Jan. 30

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doctor Allen:

Will you please answer this problem for me. Of course I have my own ideas but I would like to get them verified or rejected. Your team has the ball and your player is fouled 30 seconds before the game is over. Your side is one point ahead --will you throw that free throw. (only one free throw allowed)

Your presence certainly added fire to the meeting of the coaches at Topeka during the holidays. I heard several fellows say "I surely like to hear Allen talk." Some people can get their ideas across.

Now that Missouri has been knocked from the unbeaten class I look and also hope that old Kansas comes thru again with the title.

I know that I am dumb but I did not quite understand that defense you used in Topeka. I watched Bob Allen and Kline much of the time. They looked to me like they were playing a strict man to man back of the center line.

I have one boy this year who I feel is of college caliber. The only one who I feel could make a real good team since I have been here; however it is the old story. He will probably go to some small school because of finances. We played in Atchison, Leavenworth and St. Joe against their team--sure we beat all three of them. The point is that these towns did not have any player that came up to this boys ability.

Again with the best of luck.

Yours very sincerely,

Johnnie Corrigan

Johnnie Corrigan

P. S. I would not throw the free throw.

Recall Time When Ice Was Cut From Lakes and Streams Here

Frank Goodman Recalls "Old Bob" Turner on Spring Branch Road as Well as Many Others—Great Progress in Industry.

A few years ago a freeze like the present one would have been looked upon by at least one local industry as a blessing. The ice industry of a few years back smiled broadly when heavy freezes came.

Frank Goodman, engineer of the Independence Ice & Creamery Co. recalled today that "Old Bob" Turner owned the first ice business here. Years and years ago Bob Turner, Sr., had an ice house on the Spring Branch Road somewhere near the site of the rock crusher. Ice was cut from the Spring Branch and from lakes in the neighborhood.

George Schulze was the first ice man to make his own equipment in this city. Not having a suitable water supply available, Schulze built an artificial lake at the southeast corner of West South Avenue and Osage Street. A part of the old lake dam still stands there today.

"Young Bob" Turner made his appearance in the ice business and used the old McCoy Lake (Doutt's Lake) as a source of ice. The Dickinson Lakes were used by Ray and W. B. Dickinson to supply their ice house. The May Grain & Coal Company also entered the ice business while it was still in the natural ice stage.

When no natural ice was available here it was shipped in by rail from northern communities. Delivery of ice in the early days did not have the finesse and technique of the modern delivery service. Ice was tossed into the yard with a shout of "Ice" and the customer had to hustle out and recover the cake of ice, wash it and carry it inside.

In the old days the ice was sawed with odd-looking saws. The cakes varied in size according to the thickness of the ice on the lake. Some icemen drove a horse out onto the lake and "plowed" the ice both ways with an ice plow. This plow did not cut all of the way through and the cakes were broken off with pike poles by workmen who floated them to a chute where they were hauled up into the ice house and stored in sawdust.

In 1905 W. O. Porter, J. B. Hatten, J. M. Burgner and Randolph Jones built the first artificial ice plant. It had a capacity of thirty-five tons per day and used distilled water, which cost much

more than the raw water used today. In 1913 a 2,000-ton storage house was added to the plant. The plant was increased to 100-ton capacity in 1915 but in 1925 a 60-ton raw water plant was added to the equipment.

The present modern plant of 108 tons daily capacity was changed from steam operation to electrification in 1932. About the same time many of the old gadgets around the ice plant were replaced by more up-to-date stuff. Gone are the old brass scales that hung on the back of the wagon. A scoring machine has made them no longer a necessity. The fine broad-backed horses have been replaced by trucks which move about too fast for the modern kid to get a chance to filch a small piece of ice on a hot day. Time was when sneaking a small piece of ice off of the back of a wagon was quite a sport on a hot day.

February 19, 1940.

Mrs. Nello Davis Callahan,
8021 Marty,
Overland Park, Kansas.

Dear Nello:

Thank you so much for the clipping recalling the time when ice was cut from lakes and streams around Independence, Missouri. Indeed I do remember harvesting ice, because every Christmas vacation I helped harvest ice out at the Dickinson Lake and during the summers and vacation time I peddled it. And how many times Mrs. Davis saved my life with that wonderful buttermilk of hers! I'll never forget it.

Mr. Davis was busy up town with his Wells-Fargo and Bell Telephone business, but I could always count on a fine glass of buttermilk at the Davis household. And you can well imagine that the Davis's always got extremely good weight from the iceman! Give our kindest regards to Mr. Davis.

Nothing would please me better than to have an Ettinger and a Davis coming to K. U. next year. Tell J. W. and Don that we are counting on them. I wish some time that both the boys could drive out and look over the campus, and incidentally have a visit with us here. I understand that Don's father is an officer at Fort Leavenworth. Is he still there? Tell me all about the possibility of J. W. coming. I would be glad to help both boys with some work if it is necessary for them to work to help defray their expenses.

Now sit down and write me a long letter and give me the dope on these two boys.

Thanking you so much for writing me and enclosing the clipping, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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8021 Marty
Overland Park, Kans.
Monday

Dear "Phog,"

Dad asked me to send you this piece from the Independence Examiner. He said to tell you that it reminded him of the many days you would come by the house with your face blistered from the ice and yell "Ice — Mrs. Davis, have you got any buttermilk?"

He said to tell all "Hello" from him.

By the way, you may have an Edinger and Davis coming to K. U. next year. J. H. wants to come up if

Now Ettinger gets to. We
are hoping it will work
out.

Sincerely
Wells Davis
Callahan