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Dear Clev:

Thank you for your good letter of April 2nd. The game was all that any sportsman would want it to be. Indiana was phenomenal and convincing that night. It is not taking a thing away from any team to say that Indiana could have given any team in the nation a marvelous game, and my bet is they could have beaten any team that I have seen in action in a good while.

Indiana had reached the peak psychologically, and they were ideal from a coaching standpoint. Their fundamentals were perfect and their timing was par excellence. I congratulate you in having such a fine man as Branch McCracken to handle a great group of Indiana ball-hustling specialists. And they were specialists because they did everything right.

The thing that I liked about our boys' play was that after they were beaten badly they stayed in there and scrapped and did not resort to the alibi type of playing by making fouls at every opportunity. They still played ball. We have glory enough in reaching the finals and playing against a fine team like Indiana. We made about 18% of our shots and Indiana made 30-odd per cent. That is the story.

Floyd Rowe, president of the Rules Committee, and assistant superintendent of schools at Cleveland, Ohio, charted the game from his angle and it showed that Kansas had possession of the ball longer periods of time than Indiana. This was during the entire game, yet there was no question about the outcome after the last six minutes of the first half.