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Dear Junior:

I am now answering your good letter of the 21st instant regarding George Ramsey, of Clinton High School. I used to know people at Windsor when I was at Warrensburg from 1912 to 1919. The proprietor of the Tiger Hotel at Columbia, Missouri, was an old Windsor citizen and owner of the coal mines there. His name was Mr. Bowen.

You know, Junior, I never yet made any approach to any of the high school boys either in Kansas or Missouri. I know all the other coaches do it, but I have never placed myself in the position of making people feel that I had to go out and get the material to have a good team. I have always believed that I could coach boys and even though I might not always get the best ones as far as individual skill is concerned, I have been more interested in boys who select the University first, and then I have tried to make the best basketball players out of them that I possibly could.

Now, please do not think that I am unappreciative of your interest. I certainly am not. If the boy would be interested in the University of Kansas of course I would be happy to help him, but it is putting the load on the wrong shoulder to have a high school chap think that he would do the University a big favor by attending.

That is what is wrong with our athletics at the present time. If all the coaches would leave the boys alone and let them select their schools, we would not have the situation that we have at the present time. Now, don't think this is an old uncle giving you a lecture. I get so darned fed up on high school kids having coaches run after them begging them to enroll, that I just can't take it.

Now, Junior, regarding your fine suggestion for a between-halves performance of table tennis. Glenn Charlton, the insurance man, came to me about a month ago concerning Miss Ruth Forsythe, of Kansas City, and he would like to have her and some other people come down and put on a table tennis exhibition between halves if agreeable. I told him it would be great.