

January 27, 1938.

Mr. Frank Root,
Basketball Coach,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

Apparently I missed a story in one of the daily papers out of Lincoln which told of Ebaugh batting the ball away from the basket, much after the manner of Wellhausen's performance last winter. The rules committee added a provision to Rule 14 which prohibited a defensive player from interfering with the ball in any part of the space enclosed by an imaginary cylinder having the rim of the basket as its base and extending perpendicularly upward.

Wellhausen's performance came in for much discussion at the rules meeting when this rule was put in. I am just writing you to ask if you were given full protection of this rule. I will not worry about how you played it, as that is my problem, but I will appreciate it if you will write me and tell me if you thought you were given full protection under that rule.

I did not see the article, but some of the boys mentioned it yesterday, and I thought at least I should find out all the details of the proposition. I will appreciate it if you will let me know before your trip to Norman.

Frank, it looks as if you and I are going to have some tough entangles in the very near future. Our last game was with Missouri on the 19th of January, and our examinations have just finished and the boys have been off a week without practice, so they certainly look groggy. They may snap out of it by Wednesday, but I wouldn't give too much on a bet.

Good luck to you down at Norman. From the way those scat boys are going it looks like you are going to need it.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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