

February 12, 1940.

Mr. Bruce Drake,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oklahoma,
Norman, Oklahoma.

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for your good letter regarding that red, red flaming red necktie. Doggone! Won't that be something! If I get it before March 8th, darned if I don't wear it down there and get burned up!

While you are worrying and shuddering about that March 8th date, I hope they don't mistake your tremors for delirium tremens! Boy, I'll bet you are scared!

I wrote Henry Iba a note and told him that I certainly did not leave him out of the picture in the Big Six play-off. I did state that in my opinion it would be an all-Oklahoma attraction, and I haven't changed my idea one iota. However, we are going to give you the best we've got, but I realize that you hit Gardner when his team was crippled, and it looks as if they will all be gunning for us at Manhattan and Lincoln, as well as Ames, when we play them. Of course, you've got Ames up there, and I think they are going to be tough.

Anyhow, Bruce, it will be just another good old fight. I like the competitive spirit of the Big Six coaches very much. They can fight like the dickens, but still be very good friends. Of course, we are all trying to win, and we wouldn't respect each other if we were not doing just that thing.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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