

April 23, 1943.

Mr. Bill Eeklund,
Scranton, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

I have your letter of April 19 and am happy to tell you that I started coaching in a high school, then I coached Baker University, Haskell Indian Institute, Central Missouri State Teachers College at Warrensburg, Missouri, and in 1919 I came to the University of Kansas.

After finishing the Independence, Missouri, High School I came to the University of Kansas and then I studied to become a physician. It was necessary for me to know something about the physiology and anatomy of the boys with whom I was working. I played basketball from the time I was 12 or 14 years of age until I had finished college. I would say about 12 years.

We have a four-year school of Physical Education here at the University of Kansas which teaches you the things that you should know concerning coaching, physical education, and teaching academic subjects in a high school. You asked me what college I think you should attend. Of course, at your age you are not quite sure whether you want to study law, engineering, medicine, or whether you want to be a coach. I will send you a catalog and you can see what subjects a student would take up each year of his work at the University if he wanted to be a coach and physical director. After you have studied the catalog if you care to write me I will be glad to answer any questions.

You ask about the baskets. I would not raise the baskets for high school boys but for college boys I would raise them two feet higher than they are now.

Regarding the length of the war, William Allen White says it will end on February 9, 1945. The Germans will be whipped a year earlier and it will take about one year for us to smash the little almond-eyes boys over there.

I think your selection of the Naval Air Corps is very fine. The Japs did a mighty dirty trick in shooting some of our fine aviators, but the other boys in the air service will make them pay double.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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