

February 21, 1942.

Mr. Ronald Gibbs,
Basketball Official,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Ronald:

I did not get to see you last night after the game. I make it a point never to talk to the officials before or after a game, but I do think there should be a time sometime when a coach can talk to the officials.

I thought you did an exceptional job under the most trying conditions. No one or two men, or six perhaps, could handle a game the way it was played last night. There was constant charging into and playing the man instead of the ball, and although the crowd blames the official, I do not believe that he should bear the burden of such mal-content since there were contributing factors that were primal rather than the erroneously believed (by the crowd) low standard of officiating.

I also thought there was constant illegal starting of the dribble by the Oklahoma boys. That puts a tremendous burden on the defense and it is against the rule.

I do believe that you could have had more help than you received in this regard.

Thanking you for your best efforts which I know were sincere and bounteous, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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