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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I have started to write you several times but due to the fact that I wasn't man enough to plow through the snow to see your team in action against Missouri, it almost makes me feel ashamed of myself, thus my delay in writing to you is explained.

I'm afraid the boys will think that I have let them down as never before has the weather kept me from keeping an appointment such as I had planned with you months ahead.

From your play by play description of the Kansas-Missouri game, I can readily see that your team was not out-played on the evening of January 18, but it was Missouri's night and, therefore, I do not feel down hearted as the result of their victory over the KU squad on that night. You are right, you will give them a lesson on March 1.

During the past few months I have witnessed several high school basketball games in this vicinity and must frankly state that the teams that I have seen play two or three times during the current year are not showing their usual improvement due to the fact that the coaches in these parts have thrown away "set-plays" and in their place are now using what I believe you term as "fire truck" basketball. Just last evening two of the nearby towns met in a battle in which no defense prevailed on either team nor was there a "set-play" worked or even attempted.

Sone of this blame should be on the coaches I realize, because they do not seem to have adjusted themselves to the new rules as readily as they should have. Perhaps in a few years the coaches will have adjusted their style of play to the rules, however, to one who is accustomed to a high grade type of ball, the game will never be the same until they do.