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Mr. Don Faurot  
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Dear Don:

Not having been asked by you for a recommendation concerning Andrew McDonald of the Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, I am nevertheless calling his high talents to your attention:

Andy McDonald played on my Kansas Varsities both in football and basketball. He played end in 1920 when we were outweighed by the Nebraska Corn Huskers 27 pounds to the man. We were behind at the half 20 to 0 in this game played at Lawrence, which, by the way, is the game that built the stadium. This was when Henry Schulte was coaching the Corn Huskers. We came back with a great upsurge, scoring 3 touchdowns and tying them 20 to 20, but failed to make the winning touchdown. Andy played a wonderful end in that game, as he did in all the other games of the season.

I was coaching only until we could secure Patsy Clark, whom Chet Brewer has hired an additional year at Michigan State College.

Andy played on my basketball team the two following years, having played in 1923 on our ever victorious basketball team.

I want to be entirely frank with you. Personally, I cannot coach as vigorously against one of my own boys as I could against someone else who might come in at Missouri. I think you can appreciate this situation, but in the light of these facts I want to tell you, in my opinion, Andy McDonald gets more out of his material and does a better job of coaching than 90 percent of the coaches in the field. Andy is not only a safe and valuable man to deal with young men, but he leads them by the power of his personality. He is clean, courageous, and capable. He is a he-man in every respect, yet he is a sterling gentleman.

He is a veteran of the First World War and served in combat with distinction. He knows basketball from A to Z and understands its fundamentals and its tactics, but above that he is a splendid psychologist, a practical and a winning one.

But why should I tell you about Andy McDonald further, because you were in the conference with him and doubtless met him in competition in many occasions. I just wanted you to know that I believe in him 100 percent and I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

It was good to see you at Columbia where we showed more stuff than we generally have. I should certainly make an exception of our free throwing. If we had missed just a few more, we would have had a .000 percentage.