

March 2, 1940.

Mr. Henry Iba,  
Director of Athletics,  
Oklahoma A. & M. College,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Hank:

Congratulations on your winning the Missouri Valley championship! You are in, now, sir, and all you have to do is sit and scout these other fellows that are cutting each other's throats, making themselves easy prey for your doughty cowboys.

You mentioned the fact that should a certain Oklahoma team be eliminated from the Big Six play-off they were inquiring as to whether they could get in the Writers Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden. You need not worry about that, Hank, a bit because the Big Six rules can estop them from doing so. We cannot play in any tournament with the exception of the National Collegiate, according to our Big Six rule. This apparently does not affect your Missouri Valley like it does the Big Six.

If Oklahoma desired to do such a thing they would have to petition the Big Six Conference for authorization, and I know the Big Six Conference would not grant it. So unless they get into the play-off with you their tournament days are over for this year, at least.

This is for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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