

April 12, 1943.

Mr. Eddie Hickey, Basketball Coach,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

I have been intending to write you for quite some time to express my condolences, should I say, on your unfortunate game in the Garden. The same two officials that worked for you worked for us, and both Charlie Black and Dixon went out in our game.

I talked to some fellows in Philadelphia and they told me that the two officials worked wonderful games in Philadelphia but they had not been able to say much for the games they worked in the Garden for the visitors. I know that you do not care to say anything, and I certainly would not want to be quoted, but I do appreciate the difficult time that you had. Of course, all that is over the dam.

There is one thing, Eddie, that I want to say to you that I would like for you to understand, and that is that I have had no connection with the N.C.A.A. to the detriment of the Missouri Valley Conference or to Creighton or the Oklahoma Aggies. I understand that you were given credit for the statement about "Allen and the N.C.A.A. crowd". This is untrue and I want to straighten you out on this matter.

You will remember that Kansas played Creighton two games when the Big Ten and some of the Big Six schools did not schedule you. Therefore, I do not want to be maligned in one case and praised in the next by you. When I was representative from the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. I thought I gave the Missouri Valley every consideration, or at least I tried to, and I was honest in doing it.

Sometime when I have an opportunity to talk with you I will clarify these points for you. If there is anything I dislike it is double talk, Eddie.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.