

April 27, 1940.

Mr. Harry Hart,
The Winfield Courier,
Winfield, Kansas.

Dear Harry:

Bob Busby carried a story regarding a statement alleged to you that I stated I was going after the gold next year. Of course, short press dispatches are always inadequate to portray any real portent and meaning and many people misunderstand.

Bill Money Penny spoke to me last Saturday morning in Lawrence regarding a game with Southwestern. I told Bill that they had perhaps cut down on our schedule from 20 to 18 games, and if that was the case I would naturally want to play the games that would net the athletic association a good return. Understand that neither the coach nor the team derive any benefit from a good guarantee. However, since each coach is anxious that his sport show black figures instead of red, they naturally would desire a game that would pay a good gate. It is the same proposition as a sport writer writing sports for a paper that would decidedly pay more for his services than the other paper. This would lead us to believe that our work is the better appreciated.

We are not barnstorming or looking for pots of gold, but naturally we will play Oklahoma Aggies at each place, and we have two games with the University of Texas to be played in Lawrence. We may go East, and since it costs a good deal to travel we would naturally want a gate large enough to pay expenses. Our Oklahoma Aggie game at Stillwater paid us a thousand dollars at the gate. Since our conference guarantee for all games is \$400, you can readily appreciate that there are many places where guarantees of \$400 to \$600 with an option are not uncommon.

However, I desire to state to you that it has not been our policy to play for gate receipts along, because for years we have played teams like Southwestern, both home and home, Baker University, Kansas Wesleyan, Ottawa, Washburn, and Emporia Teachers. Through connections of Tad Reid, a former Kansas man, we played