

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
COLUMBIA

December 9, 1942.

Bix Six Basketball Coaches.

Gentlemen:

Missouri will again start home basketball games at 8:00 p.m. for all contests with conference opponents ~~except~~ for Nebraska and Iowa State when the games will start at 7:45 p.m.

Two reasons have caused us to refuse the request of our conference visitors for a 7:30 p.m. starting time.

1. Kansas, Kansas State and Oklahoma will not be hurt by an 8:00 o'clock start since rail connections to the West on the 9:45 p.m. Wabash are now almost impossible. Previously it was possible for a team to have a sleeper set out at Columbia. This car was moved at 9:45 and connected to a main line train at Centralia about 3:00 a.m. for arrival in Kansas City at 7:30 a.m.

Special sleeper service has been discontinued on all rail lines, I am told by Wabash officials. Teams going West of out Columbia at 9:45 this season will have to use chair cars to Centralia; sit in the station there for four hours; and probably occupy ~~extra~~ chair cars into Kansas City. We anticipate, therefore, that at least three of our opponents will stay in Columbia over night and that an 8:00 o'clock game will be no inconvenience for them.

Nebraska and Iowa State both travel from Columbia to Ames. They will be able to catch a sleeper at Centralia at 11:00 p.m., and thus will leave Columbia at 9:45 p.m. as usual. For them we have moved the starting time to 7:45 p.m.

2. Our most important reason for not starting earlier in all games concerns a war situation in Columbia. Arrangements have been made between University officials and commander of the local U.S. Navy unit for naval use of the Field House from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except Sunday. This demand for space has prevented us from installing enough bleachers for our basketball spectators. We must erect some sections of the bleachers in the interval between 5:00 p.m. and game time. We estimate this job will take approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes. Navy requirements keep us from installing more than the lower section of our big West bleacher. Our seating capacity at best will hardly exceed 3,000, - about one half normal. Even with our present plans we can not take care of our 3,200 season ticket holders.

We hope that each of you will understand that our refusal of your request for a 7:30 p.m. starting time is forced upon us by conditions over which we have no control.

Yours truly  
*George R. Edwards*  
George R. Edwards.



Dec. 14, 1942

To Basketball Coaches  
Big Six Conference

Gentlemen:

As you know the Faculty Representatives and Athletic Directors voted to continue their athletic program thru this year and in to the next year, unless asked by the war department to give up all athletics.

This decision was reached after much discussion of the difficulties that arise from travel, finances, and man power. There is no secret about the fact that all athletics for the duration of the war were hanging in the balance for some time, and there is no assurance that we can continue unless there is drastic curtailment all along the line.

We are going to use only three officials in football next fall and they will not travel the great distances that we have travelled them in the past; when possible they will go in groups, that expenses may be saved. I believe we can do something like that in basketball even at this late date.

I know your first concern is that we have basketball as long as possible, and with as complete a schedule as possible. We may not be able to do this if we attempt to carry on as usual in regards to expenses. I am thinking about officials here.

Most of the assignments are made for the conference game and a few for the non-conference games. For the games not yet assigned we will attempt to get officials for these games as near the game site as possible. We can still switch some of the officials assigned if we can get your approval and complete cooperation. I have no doubts about your desire to cooperate if you approve of the idea.

I believe that some of our more experienced officials are capable of working a good game alone, and I am recommending that we adopt this idea for the duration- for all games where possible. In the event that there may be some games where you would want two officials, that one of the officials must live close to the game site.

There must not be any thought about certain games being of greater importance, or more difficult to handle. If we are to use only one official in certain games, those games will be determined by; whether or not the officials are already assigned and we can't make a change, our inability to get two men near the game site, and whether or not there is an experienced official available- any other consideration would be very unfair.

Will you give me your reaction to this at once.

Very sincerely yours,

  
R. E. Peters

REP/cn



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BIG SIX  
BASKETBALL COACHES

Kansas City, Mo.

Hotel Continental

December 5, 1942.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

1. Roll call, - Louis Menze, Iowa State; F.C. Allen, Kansas; Owen Cochrane, Kansas State; George Edwards, Missouri; A.J. Lewandoski, Nebraska; Bruce Drake, Oklahoma; R.E. Peters, Conference Commissioner. Lt. Jack Gardner, U.S. Navy, former coach at Kansas State, was a visitor.

2. Complete 1942-43 schedules of all teams were checked by the commissioner who agreed to submit corrected copies to the coaches.

3. The Missouri representative requested the group to express an opinion regarding the possibility of altering the conference schedule to provide a single round-robin series with both games between any two schools to be played on consecutive nights on the court of one of the contestants.

Analysis of non-conference commitments showed that the seasonal plans of most of the schools would be upset drastically by such an alteration. George Edwards was instructed by unanimous vote to send word to the Faculty Representatives that the coaches opposed the suggestion because of conflicts with non-conference games.

4. War conditions impose such restrictions upon travel conditions that, in most cases, the visiting party will be composed only of necessary players and a coach. It was agreed, then, that the host school would assist the visitors in the following ways:

(a) The home team's trainer will provide facilities and aid in preparation of the visiting players for the game, and will appoint a qualified assistant to attend the visitors during the game.

(b) Score keepers and chart makers will keep duplicate copies of all records, and will submit such records to the visiting coach during the half time intermission and after the game.

(d) Since the visiting team cannot place assistants at the scoring and timing bench each host school is expected to use extraordinary care in the selection of timers and scorers.

(e) The home team is to supply the visitors with at least two practice balls in good condition and of the type to be used in the game.

5. The makes and types of balls used for home games are:

Iowa State - - -	Rawling's molded
Kansas - - - - -	stitched seam laceless
Kansas State - -	molded
Missouri - - - - -	Riddell molded
Nebraska - - - - -	molded
Nebraska - - - - -	molded

6. Each coach submitted the names of those officials either connected with his school or living in the community who would be available for work in the event of emergency.



7. The starting times of games will be:

Iowa State - - - 7:15 p.m. during the week;  
7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday  
Kansas - - - - 7:30 p.m.  
Kansas State - - 7:30 p.m.  
Missouri - - - - 8:00 p.m. (see note)  
Nebraska - - - - ~~7:30 p.m.~~ 8:00 p.m.  
Oklahoma - - - - 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: The coaches pointed out that Missouri's late starting time causes considerable difficulty in catching a 9:45 p.m. train after the game. Since Missouri officials previously set that time for the convenience of out-of-town patrons, and since there will be few of these during the war, Missouri was requested to consider an earlier starting time. Mr. Edwards agreed to check this with school officials and to notify the coaches if an ~~earlier~~ earlier start is acceptable.

8. The coaches voted to submit to the Faculty Representatives their opinion that freshman should be allowed to compete in inter-school athletics during the war time emergency. Mr. Edwards was instructed to send this opinion to the faculty men.

RULES DISCUSSION.

Since the rules practically are frozen for the duration it was not deemed necessary to make any additional interpretations. Those made last year are still in force including:

(a) The provision that both teams shall wear playing uniforms of solid color, except trim with the home team dressed in white and the visitors in their school colors.

(b) The official first named in the list of those working a game shall be the referee. This custom has proved to be satisfactory in this conference. Hence, the new rule demanding that the referee be the one who tosses the ball at the start of the game is to be ignored in conference games.



November 7, 1942.

To Big Six Basketball Coaches:

There appeared to be some confusion as to whether Menze or Edwards was appointed to act as secretary. Rather than to allow the matter to slip I have typed out my notes taken at our meeting last Saturday. I am requesting Menze to review these and to make necessary corrections or additions.

In writing I have notified our faculty representative of the vote in regard to freshman competition, and of your request to Missouri to start games at 7:30 p.m. Word on these two matters will be sent you later.

Yours truly,

George R. Edwards.



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Basketball schedule

1942 - 1943

December	1 - Tuesday	University of Kansas Freshmen	at Lawrence
December	5 - Saturday	Olathe, Kansas, Navy Clippers	Kansas City
December	11 - Friday	Rockhurst College	Kansas City
December	15 - Tuesday	Creighton University	Lawrence
December	26 - Saturday	St. Bonaventure	Buffalo
December	28 - Monday	Fordham University	New York
January	1 - Friday	St. Louis University	St. Louis
January	4 - Monday	Olathe, Kansas, Navy Clippers	Lawrence
*January	6 - Wednesday	University of Missouri	Lawrence
*January	9 - Saturday	University of Oklahoma	Norman
January	13 - Wednesday	Oklahoma A. & M.	Lawrence
January	16 - Saturday	Camp Crowder	Kansas City
*January	20 - Wednesday	Kansas State College	Manhattan
January	23 - Saturday	Camp Crowder	Neosho
January	29 - Friday	Olathe, Kansas, Navy Clippers	Kansas City
January	30 - Saturday	Great Lakes Naval School	Kansas City
February	3 - Wednesday	Olathe, Kansas, Navy Clippers	Gardner
*February	6 - Saturday	Iowa State College	Lawrence
*February	13 - Saturday	University of Nebraska	Lincoln
*February	15 - Monday	Iowa State College	Ames
February	17 - Wednesday	Oklahoma A. & M.	Stillwater
*February	23 - Tuesday	University of Nebraska	Lawrence
*February	26 - Friday	University of Oklahoma	Lawrence
*March	2 - Tuesday	University of Missouri	Columbia
March	4 - Thursday	Creighton University	Omaha
*March	6 - Saturday	Kansas State College	Lawrence

\* Denotes Big Six Conference Games



sent - 6/18/42

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
Columbia

June 16, 1942.

To Big Six Basketball Coaches:

It appears that some changes in 1943 schedules have been made, and that notification has not been sent to all schools. To be certain that arrangements are definite I am sending you our conference schedule as it now stands. Please send me yours immediately. All will be submitted to Reaves Peters for checking, and he will be asked to send us each a correct composite schedule.

Missouri's 1943 conference schedule

- \*Wed. Jan. 6 - Missouri at Lawrence
- Sat. Jan. 16 - Nebraska at Columbia
- Fri. Jan. 22 - Iowa State at Columbia
- \*Sat. Feb. 6 - Kansas State at Columbia
- Mon. Feb. 15 - Oklahoma at Columbia
- Sat. Feb. 20 - Missouri at Lincoln
- Mon. Feb. 22 - Missouri at Ames
- \*Sat. Feb. 27 - ~~Kansas~~ Missouri at Manhattan
- Tues. Feb. 2 - Kansas at Columbia
- Sat. Mar. 6 - Missouri at Norman

\* Represent changes either of date or place in the original schedules.

Yours truly,

*George R. Edwards.*  
George R. Edwards.



December 1, 1942

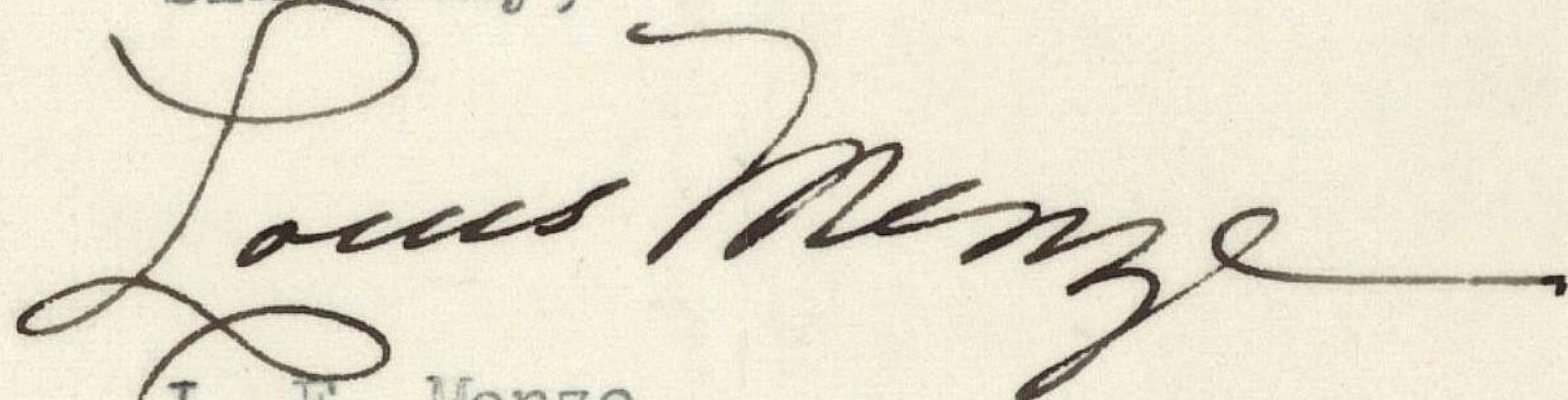
Dr. F.C. Allen, Kansas University  
Bruce Drake, Oklahoma University  
Geo. Edwards, Missouri University  
Owen Cochrane, Kansas State College  
A. J. Lewandoski, Nebraska University

Gentlemen:

Our annual meeting will be held Saturday morning December 5th at Hotel Continental. Reeves Peters has asked us to meet with him at breakfast at 8 o'clock. We shall have our rules meeting at 10 o'clock.

If you are unable to be in Kansas City for these meetings will you advise me?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis Menze". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

L. E. Menze,  
Basketball Coach

m:m



April 24, 1942.

Mr. George Edwards,  
Coach of Basketball,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

Dear George:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter I  
have written to Reaves Peters.

I thank you very much for your kindly cooperation  
in changing your game to be played here in Lawrence from  
January 5th to January 6th, 1943.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



April 24, 1942.

Mr. Reaves Peters,  
Commissioner, Big Six Conference,  
342 So. Chelsea,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

In our desire to cooperate with our Dean of the School of Fine Arts, Donald M. Swarthout, I called Coach George Edwards, of the University of Missouri, and asked if he would kindly change the date of our University of Missouri game to be played here at Lawrence on January 5, to January 6, 1943.

Coach Edwards very kindly consented to do this, and I am herewith notifying you that our game will be played here at 7:30 on January 6, 1943.

I am told by Dean Swarthout in asking this change that it means a financial saving of something like \$500 to him if this date can be arranged with his concert company. In the spirit of cooperation, I thank Coach Edwards for making the change for Dean Swarthout.

Will you kindly notify the officials of this change?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH



April 24, 1942.

Dean D. M. Swarthout,  
School of Fine Arts,  
University of Kansas.

Dear Don:

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written to Reaves Peters, Commissioner of the Big Six, who will make the changes necessary.

I am very happy to cooperate with you and the University of Kansas in making this change.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



April 24, 1942.

Mr. Raymond Nichols,  
Chancellor's Office.

Dear Ray:

I am sending you a copy of correspondence regarding a change in dates for our basketball game with the University of Missouri, requested by Dean Swarthout so that he could fill his concert schedule advantageously from a financial standpoint.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

FCA:AH  
Enc.



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

BIG SIX BASKETBALL SCHEDULE, 1942-43

Tues., Jan. <del>8</del> <sup>6</sup>	Missouri at Lawrence
Sat., Jan. 9	Oklahoma at Norman
Wed., Jan. 20	Kansas State at Manhattan
Sat., Feb. 6	Iowa State at Lawrence
Sat., Feb. 13	Nebraska at Lincoln
Mon., Feb. 15	Iowa State at Ames
Tues., Feb. 23	Nebraska at Lawrence
Fri., Feb. 26	Oklahoma at Lawrence
Tues., Mar. 2	Missouri at Columbia
Sat., Mar. 6	Kansas State at Lawrence