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Dr. F. C. Allen,

Dear Sir:

Upon reading the basketball story in the Colliers magazine of last Friday, I cannot help but get aroused over the way eastern sports writers ignore sports in the middle west, especially basketball. Having been born in Kansas and raised in Lawrence I am of the firm belief that the middle-west has the best basketball in the country, both from the standpoints of the game itself and from the fans' viewpoint.

What I have in mind is an interview with you about the game as played here, as I feel there could be no better authority. I would like to use Kansas univeristy and your own coaching career as the basis for a story. What I had in mind would include work of other coaches, such as those who learned the game from you, and a little about Henry Iba; the record of Kansas in conference and non conference competition; the record of the Big Six agaisnt outside foes; outstanding Kansas and Big Six players; how most members of AAU teams are players from middle-western schools. These and a few other points I feel would put up a strong argument for the game as played in this part of the country.

This may be an idle pipe-dream on my part, but I would at least like a try at it, and if I can write it well enough, I feel confident that the story will be used in Colliers or some other magazine.