

March 1, 1945.

Mr. J. E. Briley,
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Dear Mr. Briley:

I was delighted to hear from you, but I am afraid that you are more optimistic than I am regarding the Big Six championship. Iowa State is the toughest team that I know of to lick up there and we have three badly crippled boys. Kirk Scott sprained an ankle severely here in scrimmage Monday, and Gordon Reynolds has a bruised hip that is slow to heal, and Charlie Moffett has a couple of charley-horses. And they all came about in Monday's scrimmage against the second team.

It seemed as if the second stringers were imbued with the theory of annihilation, but if they had taken it out on some other team, I would have been happy. It might have been due to the tension while they were waiting for the Kansas State-Iowa State game Monday night, but whatever it was, they tore into each other like a pack of bulldogs. And naturally the varsity is not playing against second stringers as strenuously as the second stringers played against the varsity, so the three key men came out second best.

Herbert Heim has had synovitis, which we call "water on the knee", for the past two weeks and as he is not a rugged fellow this works against the rough going that we anticipate at Iowa State. Firebook is a big, rugged forward, and Mott and Block are tougher than a boot. They are big, aggressive farmer boys and they make the going tough up there. We might do the impossible, but I am not too optimistic. However, I think the boys have done wonderfully well considering what they started with and how they have hung on.

I am glad to hear from Jim. Won't you give me his Army address? I am not sure what you have given me will reach him, and I will send him the Jayhawk Rebounds and keep in touch with him. When you ask for the copy of the 1944-45 Jayhawker do you mean the yearbook which just comes out two or three times a year, their regular annual, or the Kansan, which is the paper, or do you mean the Jayhawk Rebounds brochure that I mimeograph for the boys overseas?

I am sending you the only print of a picture that we have of Jimmy. Pictures are very difficult to obtain as the film is next to impossible to be had. Most photographers have gone out of business,