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Mr. Bob Busby,
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Dear Bob:

Last night I read in your story something about the possibility that if Missouri beat Kansas tonight it would be comparable to what happened three years ago when Missouri laced Kansas by a decisive score to give the championship to Missouri and Oklahoma.

The facts of the score are doubtless correct, but that was not three years ago - that was four years ago; and the game was not played at Lawrence - it was played at Columbia, Missouri.

This statement recalls to my mind the story of a fellow who was telling his companion that he knew a business man in Baltimore who had made \$100,000 the past year from a shirtwaist factory in Baltimore. To confirm this he turned to a friend and said, "Isn't that right, Bill?" He said, "Yes, substantially correct. Instead of a shirtwaist factory it was an overall factory, and instead of Baltimore it was Kansas City, Missouri, and instead of making \$100,000, he lost \$100,000."

It is rather difficult to see why a sport writer recalling that sort of thing would not state where the game was played and be more accurate in his writings. You will remember that I jogged your memory regarding the offensive-defensive ratio of playing when Iowa State was awarded the championship last year over Kansas. You had made some statement regarding a play-off being necessary. And you did not say, of course, that Missouri had a veteran team and Kansas had a team entirely of sophomores who had had a terrific time of winning their games by the sheerest margin and on that team was ailing, hobbling, crippled Ralph Miller who was playing only on one leg. And with everything against them Kansas faced one of the hottest shooting teams that Missouri ever had. It was much after the manner of the Oklahoma game February 27 at Norman.

Of course, the fact that Oklahoma scored 63 points against Kansas would be a high offensive score, but the fact that we scored 51 points against them makes only a spread of 12 points, and we scored 22 points more than they did here. In other words, Kansas scored 105 points against Oklahoma in two games for an average of 52.5 points a game. Our offensive ratio against all teams is less than 51 points, so we scored against Oklahoma a higher average than the common offensive record against all Big Six teams.