

A

December 16, 1942.

Mr. J. E. Kissell,
Portis, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kissell:

Thank you for the copy of the letter you sent Charlie Black. I appreciate your interest.

Our poor fundamentals last night cost us the game against a splendid Creighton team, augmented by three freshmen. Our faculty representatives passed a ruling just last Saturday permitting the freshmen to play beginning March, 1943. That is next to the most silly thing they could have done, and the silliest thing was for them to keep the freshmen from playing this past fall in football.

The ruling making freshmen eligible in March merely means the freshmen will be permitted to play in 1943 as there will be little or no spring sports.

We are meeting Creighton, Oklahoma A. & M., Fordham, St. Joseph's, and other schools - all playing freshmen. The Big Six merely did lip service to the Big Ten because they passed a similar rule. That is an indirect and quiet way of saying that the Big Six and Big Ten will permit freshmen to play in 1943, but it was made primarily for football and nothing else, because, as I said, there will be no spring sports to amount to anything.

By doing this in an indirect way they have admitted that they are afraid to face frankly and fairly an issue that would have permitted the freshmen to have played this past year and would have had some pleasure out of their college athletics before getting into the service pronto. About all the Big Six moguls promise the freshmen of this year is a right to play in Tunisia and catch a few Italian bombs.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and helpfulness in all of the things that you have actively undertaken.

Now, a word about Max. He is not doing as well as he could. I put him in last night and he doesn't unloose himself. I don't