

Portis, Kansas,  
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Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

I have your letter returning the letter from Chicago as regards the Kansas boys. Thanks for same tho it was not very necessary to return it. I was glad they recognized the merits of the three Kansas men. I agree with you that I think the 'milk fund' is run thru the cream separator before the 'net' profit is arrived at.

I had been intending to drop you a line and send the enclosed clipping from an Arizona paper. We sent some representatives from Portis to Phoenix lately to a Water meeting and in the papers they brot back I ran onto this article by McGovern on football, or rather it is comment by the editor on what McG. said. It is very good and thot (in case you have not seen it) that you might like to read it.

Football will always be a problem as regards the injuries and that is the thing that worries me. I like a good football game and I think most anyone does but I think it should be controlled and the rules taken care of to avoid all possible serious injury. And the commercialism should be removed entirely if possible from all school, college and amateur sports.

I shuddered Saturday when I heard that "Evans is hurt" and so on. I feared that a fine career might be stopped or handicapped by a twisted knee or back or arm injury. By the way, the KU--Aggie game was as much of a thriller as I have heard in a long time. I was here at Portis and got it off and on via radio and I was first up, then down until the man finally said it is over and KU wins 20/16. It was a fine tonic for the school and I was glad for all of you and Gyn Henry and all of them. I wish more games could be like that and I was proud that it was all a Kansas affair and that likely nowhere in the nation was there a better show that day. I think maybe KU had some luck but at that the decisions as I could pick them up, seemed to go against Kansas, that is at crucial moments. And there near the end of the game when we thot there was but one play left and Kansas passed to a man in end zone and announcer first said, It looks good; then he said, No it fell out of his hands. I think it was a pass to the Swede Lindquist. My heart sank then as I thot it over and some fellows standing around (for KU) cussed. But then that final run by the little boy and we sat stone blind, deaf and dumb until the announcer had repeated it several times.

I had anticipated it in a way. Do you know those Kansas State people are the most gullible in the world. They can lose all and then win a game and they come out of it and you would think they would never lose again. I think the stage was just right for what happened. I recall they got Jack Gardner there for basketball and won a game and started boom for a million dollar field house and then they fell flat and did not get the house and lost a lot of boys and also a lot of games. But I guess it is no bad habit to be that way, thot this time I think they let over-confidence hurt them some.