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Dr. F. C. Allen,
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Dear Sir and Friend:

Been intending to write you long ago and advance some of my ideas on the basketball season, your team, the Tucker affair and so on, but just failed to get or 'take' the time.

The last day or two I have been getting mad over the reports of the actions of the Iowa State people and the kid stuff they pulled up there (according to reports I hear and read) and today I read in KC Star about some angle on Sollenberger that I had not yet heard and do not understand.

However, it seems they are all after Kansas and I feel we may yet beat the field tho at the present time my crystal ball would be a tie maybe between any two of KU - OU and Iowa or even a triple tie between the three.

Of course I fear now the game at OU next month as that will likely be a game 'of the ages' so to speak from the various angles chiefly the Tucker affair. I feel it will be almost impossible for Kansas to win it as they will win THAT game at all costs and any hazards. I hope that Iowa and OU will split and I will figure Kansas to win from Iowa at KU. That would make it a triple tie unless some lower team upsets which they may. I think KState may upset Iowa at Manhattan and also that Nebraska might win a game from either OU or Iowa.

Some way, too, I feel that KState may take us (KU) one game this year due to the law of averages and then it is an all-state game and they will be primed against Kansas as they always are. And don't take them lightly there on the Hill this week end. They have all to gain and nothing to lose and will go 'all Out.'

It is some race and I am getting more enthused daily and almost pray nights of games till I get a score. Something must have been wrong at Iowa. I have hoped Max would write me a little of the side gossip on the game but so far he has not written since then.

I guess Max thinks he has gotten into some pretty fast basketball and I don't know whether he will ever be able to imitate a good player. I hope he still tries hard as that is all I preach to him.

Tucker deal: I appreciate your stand, absolutely and I still think, Doc, that it has not been settled correctly. They handled it like a hot potato and tossed it around and finally KState said okay as far as they are concerned. However, Tucker actually did appear in game for OU the first semester and he and OU both certainly knew he was not eligible. Here is what I wonder: What is there to prevent some other big Six club protesting after while