

Portis, Kansas,  
May the Third,  
Nineteen Forty.

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Dear FC, Sir and Friend:

I received your fine and very welcome letter today, and was glad you could spare the time to write me so much of interest. I'll say at once, Allen, that it was different than many of the letters I get, that is in reference to college and Max.

I just happen to have time to get this on the mail and thot would answer to advise you about the stop you mentioned on Hill City trip. If you happen thru here, it will be perfectly agreeable for you to stop but at present I expect to be gone that day (15th Inst I think you said) and believe the hi school has their river dinner. Since we have talked to you I do not know that there is much more to say just now. The thing stands like this. Max has not decided what he will take and I have not decided what I think he should take, hence we are at a standstill till I get some more "dope" from some places. Of course, I guess there is plenty for him to pick from at KU, at least all most any school of the state or middle West could offer. However, if you happen thru it might be that some of us would be here and would be glad to talk with you a while. I may be in Hill City that day but not that night. I assume your address is at night.

There is a lot (seems to me a terrible lot) of pressure being brot on Max and myself for Max to go to KState and we get letters frequently and men are here to see Max and last evening two men were here for quite a while. I judge our coach, A KStater, has made a semi-promise that he would steer Max there. I see various accounts in papers all around as to where Max and other boys will go, but I do not know where they get the news. Largely guess-work I believe. I see some papers have a group of supposed-to-be good hi boys lined up to go somewhere together but they do not seem to know where. I have some letters as to Max from some persons I do not know and they seem to be wanting to find out if he would promise to go to some school if he were assured that several other good boys would be there to thus somewhat assure that school of a good team in year or two. I was careful in answering such letters and may have at least a little fun out of it. I am writing Gerald Tucker today as his name was mentioned and I may get something from him in person which would be only confidential correspondence. Has he ever indicated, that you know of, that he would attend KU?

About train time and must close. I thot I read a good deal between the lines in your letter. Max said he had letter too from you and he said, "Doc Allen sure writes and talks differently than some of them do." Just the other day a coach was here and offered Max everything under the sun to go there, that is full expense for four years, trips to Mexico, Mad. Sq. Garden, Canada and I guess maybe to Mars and Jupiter. I am trying to let Max figure things out for himself some and have been waiting for him to say flatly where he wants to go to college. I know that he has always thot that you are the ideal in coaches and he really thinks maybe you can make a good player out of a fence post. I told him he could not depend too much on the coach; that he would have to pick up the ball himself occasionally. More later when time permits.

Sincerely,

Kissell, Portis.