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Dear Harold:

I haven't the heart to press you on this basketball article when I learn that you are on the last chapter of your sports book. Gee, what a chore you have! I well remember how frayed your nerves are when you get to this point. And yet these people are pounding me on the back to get that article in because they write me they have everything else in except the material from our district.

Dan Partner is to write the Western and National play-offs in Kansas City. But I would be disappointed if you did not recall the incidents of our Big Six play-off and the Fifth District play-off, because Partner will make no mention of that. And since our team went much further than any of the other district teams in getting to their position I think we should be missing something if we did not follow on and give the Western as well as the National play-off attention in the Big Six write up.

You see, Indiana had no tie nor did they have a play-off like we had with Oklahoma A. & M. In fact, we were the only team in the eight N.C.A.A. districts that had a play-off with another conference member. Southern California has their conference divided into the northern and the southern, but it is still a conference play-off, and our district is the only one that has two major conferences that have a play-off for the district title. All others are picked by declaring the conference winner. I think there is quite a point there.

Now, in addition to that, most of the schools' schedules had been finished and they had an opportunity to rest before these play-offs came. Kansas played Kansas State on February 20th at Manhattan, Nebraska on the 24th at Lincoln, Iowa State on the 26th at Ames, Missouri at Lawrence on March 1, Creighton on March 4th at Omaha, and Oklahoma on March 8th at Norman. Five of our last six games were away from home. Then we were forced to play Oklahoma on March 12th at Wichita, Oklahoma A. & M. the 16th at Oklahoma City, and then, of course, Rice and Southern California in Kansas City on the 22nd and 23rd. That was certainly a tremendous load for the "pony express" to pull. And too, we had very few reserves, who were also small.