

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

Dear Doctor Allen:

I have your letter mentioning the Quigley broadcast and am glad you heard it and thanks for remembering it to us here. We heard it real well, though the static bothered a lot here that night. I have known EC a long time and though we are on opposite sides of the fence on some things, he is as good a friend as I have, I guess, and I think he is a grand character and his word is as dependable as the Rock of Gibraltar.

When I got your letter I thought I had a letter due from you about some questions I had asked you last holidays as to number of games high boys should play; chance for too much playing; over-exertion; heart weakness, etc. I think I asked you those things and others but maybe not or maybe you replied. I was not asking particularly as regards Max as he is very well all the time but as regards his boys in general. I thought maybe our team was over-trained a little and hit the peak too soon.

See Oklahoma beat MU and so you will tackle the Oklahomans. Max and I guessed on it and while we fear Okla. some we take Kansas by 5 points and my guess was 33 to 38, Kansas. Hope you win and also win the game with Ok. Ags. If so will try to get to KC for that 2-night series at least and will be pulling for you if you are in. By the way, how would one get seats, that is who should we write to at KC for reservations if some go down?

I have been a bit gloomy this week since our Hi boys played their last game last Friday night. I am not feeling low for any reason other than it was the last game for Max in Portis High school. Maybe I am a sissy but I hated to see that time come. Since then I have hardly slept good, just because I knew he had played his last year. I guess I had ought not feel that way because he has had a fine career and has scored over 1000 points for the school and right at 500 this year for a 21 minus av, per game for 24 games. I have had no reason to be other than proud of him in every game and I'm sure he is about as good a kid ball player as generally comes along. He was named on the class B all-team at Concordia Regional and also on the all-regional class A and B mixed and was high-point man there with 46 in 3 games. He also gained considerable other recognition such as outstanding player of the tourney; best tip-in; best long shot and so on. We don't allow him to shoot long but in the last game they tried it and he hit all that he tried and they were long ones, too. As the half ended, he had the ball on one free throw ring as time was about to end. He tried one clear across court to other end. It left his hands just before the buzzer and soared high and far and fell squarely thru the net. They said it measured 60 feet floor line from the spot to a point below the goal.