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can come thru as they did last night, and show their mettle in the face of defeat, I'm not sure but that you or we or anyone can rank them with the best of Kansas teams. Of course we are now hoping hoping you can win from Indiana but whether you do or not, we are all well satisfied with your great team and I feel you and they have risen to new heights, in the face of odds and injuries and bad legs and so on.

I get started to rambling along and can hardly stop. I think basketball is getting better everywhere and I don't know what we would do from November to March without it. And it is credit to you fellows who have kept it up and are keeping it up and improving it from year to year. And I know of no one person, Allen, who has done as much for the cause of the game and the good of the game and the general welfare of the boys who play, as yourself, and there are scores around who agree with me. I'm not writing that as praise along but as a plain statement of fact. High school ball is getting better, tourneys are getting better, there are more good coaches, more good gyms more players becoming interested, etc.

I thot last night was a great one for you, because out there in Denver were Ebling and Pralle winning that Nat. AAU title and on the losing club was that fine player, Dick Wells. That was a big enough night for you, Doc, wasn't it?

Think I had better close or I will run out of words. This is written to get to you how far-reaching your games are. After it was over a number came into my office and we played it over and talked of your strategy and your substitutions and changing Miller to guard and shifting around to prevent Cal. stalling, etc. At least we did a lot of talking and what I set down here may not be just like you did, but some of us thot we were "calling your shots."

Kindest regards and luck to you for next Saturday night. Also thot it was grand about the way the son, Bob, pulled KU out there in those last minutes. A fellow can always figure that is darkest just before the dawn and I thot Bob was furnishing a lot of the light in those last two minutes.

If weather is good, I may have to buy myself a necktie or some sox in KC this coming week end.

Most sincerely,


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