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Dear Joe:

Answering your good wire of the 2nd instant, I am sending you my first and second teams, together with the honorable mention.

I would say that McNatt and Mesch are the outstanding high scorers and belong in the forward position. Since there is no center tip Blahnik could play at center after the tip-off, using Pralle as the man to jump. He has exceptional spring and agility, and he would be as good as any center in the Big Six on the jump. For guards I would put Pralle, captain, and Parsons.

In this line up you would have two guards that would score at any opportunity far out on the court if the defense was playing a close guarding game, and both are equally versatile in driving in for lay-up shots. Pralle has already made the all-Big Six guard for two years, and Parsons made it last year. Certainly nobody in the Big Six is in the class of either one of these boys. I think they are two of the best guards that the Big Six has developed in years.

Blahnik is a high scoring chap and a fine defensive man. McNatt and Mesch have not been scored on defense as much as they have on offense, but with the big defensive three of Parsons, Pralle and Blahnik, McNatt and Mesch could fire and shoot and still be good enough defensive men to fit into like this 100%.

All of these fellows are also good free throwers, so I can not find a weak point in them. I would give Pralle the captaincy because he has shown by his three years of play that he can carry the load to the end of the road.

Now for the second team - I would place Harvey, of Missouri, and Wesche, of Kansas State, at forward. Harvey is one of the best young sophomores that I have seen in a long time. He is a fine floor man, both on offense and defense. He is an "oil cup", not a file. He is smooth, courageous and fearless, and he can shoot and he can guard. Wesche, of Kansas State, is a fine forward and will be heard from next year. He is a junior.