

fellow. He is an old professional basketball player and a good coach, but St. Johns has never gone into the NCAA play-off. They have always gone into the Invitation, and they have been picked by the newspaper writers, but no college authorities.

"You will pardon me in not laying claim to any titular honors, but I will send you our record in our conference. In 1942 we went east and met St. Bonaventure's in Buffalo, one of Ned Irish's promotions, and defeated them 53 to 22. We played Fordham in the Garden and defeated them 31 to 30; and then we played St. Joseph's at Philadelphia, another Garden promotion, and defeated them 63 to 38.

"If you would ask my personal opinion, I would tell you definitely that western teams have repeatedly gone east and made clean sweeps of the entire eastern area. Stanford traveled with us on that eastern trip and they defeated Canisius at Buffalo in this double-header that we played and won by a lop-sided score. The same night we defeated Fordham, Stanford defeated Long Island University by a large score. The same night we defeated St. Joseph's, Stanford defeated Temple, so there were two western teams from different sections making clean sweeps in all games.

"We have not been able to meet the eastern teams out in our part of the country. They could get big guarantees, but some of the boys around New York think that Philadelphia is far west, and Pittsburgh is just out of this world. Nat Holman's City College of New York team went out to little Bradley Tech of Peoria, Illinois, about five or six years ago and were defeated 67 to 36, or about that relative score. So the eastern boys do not venture out west; in fact, they have been gasping for victory breath with western teams for the last seven or eight years. This is not a biased opinion, but an accurate one. All you have to do is look at the record of western teams going east, and it is an exception if they lose over one game out of four. So that is 750 per cent on the other fellow's playing floor, and playing under officials who call them quite differently. It is exactly the same situation as if an eastern team would come west. They would get different playing conditions and different officiating.

"I am always glad to give boys in the service a prompt reply. I am sending you one of our Jayhawk Rebounds, a publication that we get out to our boys in the service. If you are interested in receiving this, let me know and I will put you on the mailing list."

Now I have just received a letter from Wayne Clover, dated May 16, in which he says: "Your letter arrived and it was just the right dope. Outside of orders home, it was about the biggest morale booster I could get. However, I'm afraid the boys from the east coast had a corresponding decrease in morale. I just put your letter on the bulletin board in the wardroom, then sat back and watched their faces as they read it. There wasn't much they could say."

Certainly, Wayne, I try to be fair to all sections, but so few people understand the difference between these organizations. I am glad if I could be of some service to you.

Congratulations on your new rank, Lt. Col. Roy E. Weinzettel (APO 133, New York). I was delighted to know that you saw Ted Bank who is now out of the Army and heading up the Athletic Institute. You mention that Frank McCormick, director of athletics at Minnesota, is in Paris and in charge of the post-war Army athletic program; also that Dr. Cornwell of North Carolina, is the handy-man on Mac's staff. Interesting to our Missouri Walley friends is the news that Major (now) Arthur Schabinger and other prominent fellows in the athletic world have gone over to help put this tremendous program across. Col. Weinzettel