

May 2nd, 1941

Mr. John Simmons  
Ass't. to Director of Athletics  
% Frank Myers  
Kansas State College  
Manhattan, Kansas

*Baseball*

Dear John:

I thought it best, perhaps, that I write you to tell you that our games will be called at 3:30 P.M. on Monday and Tuesday, May 5th and 6th. You will hit on our diamond for the back ground anytime that you care to come out, up until 2:55 o'clock. At that time, I would like for you to take your in-field practice and we will follow with ours, then allow our ground-keeper, six or seven minutes to brush the diamond and get ready for the ball game.

We have the same umpires who worked last year, Doctor L. E. Bice, here in town, who has worked the games for twelve or fourteen years, and R. E. Oyler, Justice of the Peace, and practicing attorney here in Lawrence. I am sure these fellows are about as fair as two individuals can be, but I'm not sure as to their umpirical eyes because the only games they work are the Kansas games here at home.

I'm sorry that we do not have more experienced officials. The coach at Haskell has been wanting to umpire, but I'm not at all sure that he would be as good or any better because he does no umpiring, only in a college game, occasionally.

One of the great weaknesses in baseball is the securing of competent officials. The Umpires at Ames made a correct decision and then changed their decision to an incorrect one. We experienced this situation all through the two ball games.

I hope the weather and everything else of general will be satisfactory, and if there is anything we can do to make your games more pleasant, it will be a pleasure for us to do so.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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P.S. Dr. Allen had to leave town for a speaking engagement before this letter was written and he asked that I sign the same for him.