

6680 Ohio Street  
Omaha, Nebraska,  
October 13, 1941.

Mr. F. C. Allen,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Allen:

The writer wishes to take this liberty of writing to you relative to our correspondence of last fall on the question of football vs. basket-ball which originated from a speech that you made at a high school football dinner in Kansas City last fall. You probably recollect the letter that you received from me and of the long and most interesting letter that you wrote to me and in which you outlined in detail the struggles that you have had to create an athletic plant at Kansas University. Also you may recollect my second letter in which I stated that I was mis-informed when I wrote my first letter to you.

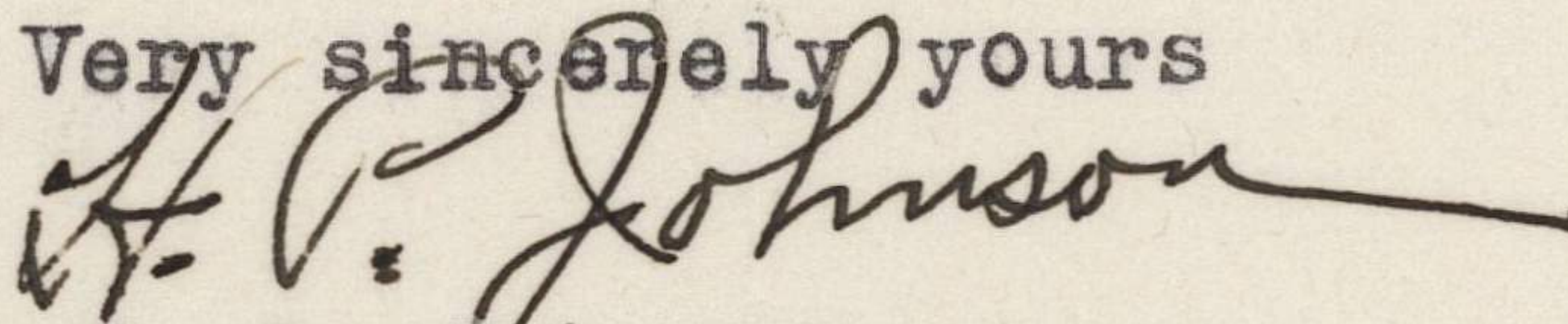
Mr Allen there was one thing about our correspondence that I have not forgotten, and this was the invitation that I should call on you in the event that I should come to Lawrence during the football season. You recollect from my letters that I am a native Kansan and a booster for old K.U, and that my football enthusiasm for the Jayhawkers starts from the days of the great Tommy Johnson. You recollect that you told me in your long letter of the days of Johnson, Pooler, Donald and others and of the picture in your office of Tommy Johnson.

Does this invitation still stand and what game would be most convenient to you, the Iowa State or when the alumni of the Coffeyville, Kansas High School, and now known as the Missouri Tigers tangle with the Jayhawkers. I make this statement because at least two in the first team from Missouri and two or three in the second and third teams are all from Coffeyville, Kansas, and furthermore I wish to challenge anyone to prove to me that anyone from Coffeyville has played during the past ten years on either the K.U. or K.State football teams. I am not very interested in the K.U. K.S. game.

I would certainly be very pleased to visit you Mr Allen and see the athletic department of K.U. and also to meet some of the gentlemen connected with the football end, and to outline my plan for an intensive campaign against every high school in the state to endeavor to keep Kansas boys at their fine University or else at K.State. Colorado with Jim Yeager is getting all the promising material from the Western part of the state and his assistant Prentup is luring the boys away from Manhattan, Nebraska scouts swarm all over the Northern part, Oklahoma and Missouri the South and Lynn Waldorf, McMillin and Ralph Graham combing the entire state. So here you have the writers outlook of the Kansas football situation.

But I do want to congratulate you on your great success with basket-ball and to wish you another conference title which will offset the football situation.

Very sincerely yours

  
H. P. Johnson