

6680 Ohio Street,
Omaha, Nebraska,
January 27, 1941.

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

My Dear Mr. Allen:

I was very pleased to receive your long and most interesting letter of sometime ago. In replying to same, I will endeavor to make it clear that it was newspaper accounts of your statement that led me to write to you, and that your fine letter has caused me to have an entirely different opinion of you and your athletic connections at Kansas University. Really Mr. Allen, I wish to make some kind of an apology for some of my statements and to thank you for your great efforts to gain fame for the University of Kansas.

Your kind suggestion that I visit you on my next trip to Lawrence, is an event that I will be looking forward to, with great pleasure during the coming year. I am planning to attend either the Iowa State or preferably the Missouri game, providing that game is held Saturday the 22 of November. Inasmuch as your letter has outlined in detail, your long and active career in K.U. athletics, I will enjoy very much to have a talk with you about the old days when the Jayhawker was "tops" in Midwest football circles. I have never known that you formerly were so active in football, and I will be very anxious to see that picture of Tommy Johnson, that you spoke of. I was just a boy on a farm up in Washington County at the time when he and the great Jayhawker team were making football history, but I was a keen reader of the Sports Department of the K.C. Star even in those days. I think Kennedy and Mosse were the coaches.

Well so much for the past, I have read about your recent tour of the east and ^{how} you and your fine basketball team is giving Kansas a lot of publicity to offset the football failures. I hope that they can get football in the limelight in the same manner that basketball is. With Engleman and another Allen besides yourself, I predict another Big Six title.

Whats the football outlook down there for this fall, heard that they had an unusual fine Band of freshman, but later reports are that some of the most promising did not return from their holiday vacations. That Century Club ought to get some results. How long has it been organized. Any information received will be kept in utmost secrecy. I regret to say that I will have to forego membership in that club for the present, but the Relays Club is a different matter. On the ten dollar membership, are the two tickets for \$4.50 for the Relays Races or are they for football games. Tickets for the Relays would be of no value for Football games are the only athletic events that I would attend at Lawrence. However I would be pleased to assist some young football player with the \$5.50.

I am submitting a plan that I am sure will get results in regard to better football. 1 An intensive campaign among all former K.U. men who are financially able to join the Century Club. 2 Have all former K.U. men in contact with the University and act as scouts for all promising football players in all high schools in the surrounding states, such as they do here in Nebraska. 3 Endeavor to place such a man in every town that has a fair sized high school in Kansas. 4 Stop at nothing to get these players and lastly keep Kansas boys in Kansas colleges.

In closing I wish you ~~are~~ very successful season and I hope to see this fall,

Yours sincerely,

H. P. Johnson
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