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Principal John L. Lounsbury,  
Long Beach Junior College,  
Long Beach, California.

Dear John:

I have been asked by Elmer Schaake to write you concerning his fitness and qualifications for a position in your school. He understood from some source that there is to be an opening, and he is very desirous of locating in California. Some way he learned that I was acquainted with you and asked that I write you in his behalf.

John, I want to recommend Elmer Schaake as one of the best coaches that we have ever turned out at the University of Kansas. He not only was all-America material in football, having uncanny ability to diagnose the opponent's weaknesses, but he was one of the greatest ball carriers in the country. By the way, Mel Griffith, who is out on the coast, was his high school coach at Lawrence, Kansas, and he can tell you about him.

I had him in varsity basketball and he made a championship team out of an ordinary outfit. The year that I took him he had sustained an injured ankle late in the football season and was not in condition to play basketball, but he did things to that ball club that only crafty and versatile players can do. I was so well pleased with him that I used him as my assistant in coaching the freshmen and varsity in spring practice.

He also helped with spring practice in football, and Coach Lindsey pronounced him a fine teacher.

Schaake has a fine intuitive sense in handling young men. He is clean, courageous and capable. He is a fine looking fellow, John. He is married and has one child. His wife is a lovely woman, and I am very sure that she would be a great source of help to him in any teaching job.

Schaake is also a fine track man and good in baseball. He can coach any sport. He is athletic director and coach of all sports at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, where he has been for several years.