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

Dear Doc:

I don't know when I have felt as bad as I have today, but your boys were so glorious in defeat that I am overcome with pride and joy as much as disappointment in the loss of the game.

I'll tell the world that you certainly showed the folks that you have a great ball club! So far as natural ability, physical equipment and power is concerned, I think this club is far below some others you have had, but for sheer nerve, guts, fight and drive, I'll put them tops.

A number of people told me today that Kansas hustled harder in that game than in any they ever saw. The writer has seen the Aggies on a number of occasions this year, and let me tell you they were playing far over their heads. I know that it was one of the toughest games you ever had to lose, but we can sure take them on the chin when the kids play that kind of basketball.

I don't know to this hour how in the world you interpreted the thought that I spoke discouragingly of your basketball team and your basketball record. The only thing I am sour on at K. U. is the football situation, and we have thrashed that out and I will never mention it again. In fact, Bobby Lynn and have got on the band waggon and we are going to do some things to help Vic Hurt a lot and if you can't take my word for it, ask him the next time you see him. Bobby got the Chancellor off behind the barn when he was down here and gave him enough assurance that I think we are going to go places now.

I did want to win that one at Stillwater to end all this talk about Henry Iba's being such a great strategist. I think we can lick him by ten points on any neutral court in America.

We talked about you all the way home last night and so far as the writer is concerned K. U. is just a big mass of mortar, brick