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Sports Editor
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Dear sir:

Wally McNally of Omaha in his recent letter to the Times on the respective merits of the basketball teams of Kansas and Creighton was in error on several of the points he made. I would like to straighten him out on these.

For one thing, Kansas and Creighton have played five times, not four, in the past sixteen years and the Jayhawks won that other game. In all games played, the teams stand even, three victories apiece. However, I do not blame Mr. McNally for limiting the discussion to the last sixteen years, as that excludes the K.U.-Creighton game of 1923.

That season was during the regime of A.A. Schabinger, who turned out many fine teams at Creighton. Yet the game was a rout, Kansas winning by a score of 29-7. The other game not mentioned by the Creighton fan was a 31-29 win by the Jayhawks at Omaha in 1927.

As for McNally's comment, "Isn't it peculiar that Kansas wouldn't schedule Creighton this or last year", the really peculiar thing is that a resident of Omaha would not be better informed. As it happens, the Jayhawks and Bluejays are scheduled to play this coming week, Feb. 10, to be exact.

Regarding Kansas' "steering shy of Missouri valley conference teams", it might well be pointed out that in the last three years the Jayhawks have played eight games with Oklahoma A. & M., the usual ruler of that league. The past five seasons have seen A. & M. winning three conference championships outright and tying for another, which didn't leave too much for Creighton.

In the Kansas-Oklahoma A. & M. rivalry each team has been invincible on its home floor, but in the two games played on neutral courts the Jayhawks won both times.

Kansas makes no effort to play "big time" basketball, education coming first. However, the Jayhawks usually can hold their own in most any company. Last Saturday K.U. whaled DePaul 46-26 at Chicago, just one week after DePaul had beaten Long Island U. on the same floor,

Sincerely,

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