

March 18, 1941

Mr. Arthur Morse
10 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Morse:

I have just returned to my office from a trip out west and I am answering your letter at the first possible date.

Thank you for your congratulations. I will not be in New York for the National Association of Basketball Coaches convention. I am coaching the varsity baseball team and in addition, I have the administration of the Department of Physical Education to handle, so I will pass up the New York trek this time.

We are arranging our Big Six basketball schedule on Saturday morning, March 22nd. After that I can tell more about our dates. I read your plan and I think it has possibilities. You doubtless know that our Big Six conference bars any college tournament dates outside of the N.C.A.A. That is, if they are played off of the home floor.

I think your plan to start February 23rd or thereabouts is a good idea, although most college conferences do not finish until about the first week in March. There are, however, enough independent teams that you can build up with publicity to draw a great crowd. The college teams are the ones that are going to draw in these tournaments, and we will have more of them regardless of what the Big Six and Big Ten do regarding the outlawing of such tournaments. There are many more schools that will permit their teams to enter tournaments such as yours than there are schools that will prohibit it.

Chicago should be a great place to put on such a tournament, and I believe that with your location and power of publicity, you should do a good job.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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