

Our eligibility rules, which were first written in 1909, were copied very much after the Big Ten. The Big Ten had a rule that no school could play on a ground not under control of their own university or the school they were playing if those grounds were within 100 miles of the university so concerned. In other words, I believe that that ruling was put in to protect some of these universities from being forced into playing games for special benefits in cities like Chicago where the politicians might force certain games upon the school. Will you kindly refer to page 14 of this Big Six booklet that I am enclosing. This ruling was put in to protect the faculty representatives who wanted to hide behind the thing.

The good politicians of the conference have secured permission for Nebraska to play in Portland, Oregon, when they should have played at Corvallis when they played Oregon State two years ago; Oklahoma plays the University of Texas at Dallas annually in football; but Kansas basketball has always been denied, whenever possible, the right to play off of their home ground.

I do not see how the University of Oklahoma could secure permission to play in New York. Last year they wired me here at Kansas asking if we would play in the Cotton Bowl this past Christmas. I replied that it was against the conference rule. I did not even ask the permission from the conference. However, last May Nebraska applied after they were asked by the Cotton Bowl group, and the faculty representatives turned them down.

I suggested to the faculty representatives that all six of the Big Six schools play a basketball tournament in Lincoln or in the new auditorium in Kansas City during Christmas week. They turned that down.

Oklahoma A. & M. belongs to a conference where there is no restriction like we have. And of course Southwestern College belongs to the Central Conference group in Kansas and they have no such ruling.

I think you have the very good teams lined up here in Oklahoma, Oklahoma A. & M. and Southwestern College. The antithesis you have in Oklahoma A. & M. and the University of Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma plays a hipper-dipper, Ben Hur cavalcade break up the floor that would wear three ball clubs out in the tip-less game of basketball. The team is coached by Hugh McDermott, a very clever Scotchman, who has been coaching Oklahoma since 1920 or '21. A. & M. is coached by Henry Iba, who knows his basketball and knows basketball players wherever they may be. He always has a club that knows its way around. Southwestern is coached by George Gardner, a very able coach, and he plays the single post just outside of the free throw line. He has two very clever players on the team who are ably supported by other boys who play nice ball.