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Dear Mac:

Some day soon I am coming in to have a good visit with you. I believe it has been about a year since we have had an opportunity to sit down and relax. There is nothing urgent on my mind, except I want to chew the fat with you.

Last night I noticed the all-round championship of the Kansas Conference, which was won by Ottawa University, coached by Dick Godlove. It was publicized in your sport page. The thought occurred to me that I was the pioneer in that so-called all-round championship, which we termed the "pentathlon championship", where first place is counted number one, high, and the winners of course have the lowest scores and the losers the highest. That is the pentathlon method of rating.

Along in '23 and '24 I started that scoring for the Missouri Valley Conference to get greater teamwork among the major coaches. Potsey Clarke was here at that time, and Karl Schledeman in track and John Bum in baseball. We wanted to develop teamwork in the major sports, so we divided the sports then into major and minor championships. Later we put the majors and minors together and counted it an all-sports championship.

Then it was picked up by the Big Six, and the teams that did not compete in any sport took last place in the conference rating. That gave an actual estimate on where the school stands in all-round championship. Oklahoma has been the champion most of the time in the all-round championship, but Nebraska has generally rated first in the major.

Just by way of pardonable boasting, I got a kick out of the thing because it was in my extremity in trying to develop teamwork in the major sports that I set up this system, but now it looks like most of the schools are using that rating method.

Another thing about which I want to pass on a friendly boast is the matter of playing those basketball games in big halls. While they give Ned Irish, the "Horatio Alger boy" from New York, credit for putting basketball on in a big time way, I want to remind you that in '29 and '30 we were playing the University of California a series of three games in Convention Hall, and in Oakland, California, just across the bay from Berkeley, in the early