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Mr. C. E. McBride, Sports Editor
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Dear Mac:

I am writing you concerning the capability of Andrew "Andy" McDonald, basketball coach at Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield, Missouri. Andy had a wonderful record with me as end on the football team in 1920 when we scored in every game that we played and capped it off with that thrilling 20 to 20 tie against the Cornhuskers on November 13, 1920. Andy played three years of fine basketball, also, under me, ending his career with our ever victorious 1923 basketball Missouri Valley Champions.

Andy is anxious to be considered for the coaching job at the University of Missouri, which is open by the resignation of George Edwards. I know that he realizes that you can help him a lot if he is seriously under consideration.

I want to tell you some things concerning his basketball knowledge and ability. Andy not only was a fine player, but during the time that he played he trained perfectly. He knew the value of reporting in fit physical condition. These boys who train during their collegiate career will generally be able coaches because they impart the value of this necessity of training to their boys under them. Since sports are supposed to be a part of the educational program in developing youth, this requirement is vital to the success of a winning team.

Andy's success has not been of the accidental type, but is founded on experience and study. He knows the fundamentals, the tactics, and the psychology of athletics. Andy is a gentleman of the first water and imparts the highest ideals --practical ones--to the boys under his charge. Mac, I would recommend him without reservation or evasion as a splendid coach, a fine gentleman, and a fellow who can get along with his fellow coaches, keeping their respect at all times. I will appreciate it, if in the run of the mill, you can help him in any way.

I have not seen you for a long time, old fellow, but I am counting on the time when we can exchange some of the social niceties of two old cusses. Remember us to the McBride clan wherever they are and whenever you see them.

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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