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Dear Mac:

Just a follow-up on the Cox - Olsen - Edwards story.

I forgot to mention that in 1939 Oklahoma and Missouri tied for the Big Six championship with Kansas third. That was the first year of the N.C.A.A. play-off, you remember. I was the Fifth District representative and Edwards at that time had nothing to do with the N.C.A.A. tournament, except membership on the Fifth District championship committee along with you, Dr. King, John Truesdale, and I. You perhaps recall the difficulty I had in getting the Big Six to sanction a representative for the tournament. I had to call Dr. Bergman, at Iowa State College and ask him to poll the conference for a vote.

Drake and Oklahoma A. & M. had tied, and so had Missouri and Oklahoma, so Missouri refused to participate in the tournament. You doubtless remember some of the jockeying that took place between Drake when we had the discussion in Kansas City. I believe you were present at the meeting, but Edwards refused to come and Missouri turned thumbs down on the thing (perhaps because I had something to do with it) and Shirkey was very cool on the proposition.

The play-off was in Oklahoma City with Missouri staying out, and in the first night's game Oklahoma A. & M. met Drake. A. & M. won handily, and then the play-off was between Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. & M. Oklahoma won and went to the Pacific Coast as the Fifth District representative.

You will remember that George Edwards had little or nothing to do with that tournament.

Then in 1940 Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma tied for the championship, and then Edwards came rather actively in to the play-off. It was arranged to play the play-off of the triple tie in Wichita, Kansas. The drawings were made in Kansas City and while in the hotel room of the Kansas City Athletic Club, with Dr. King, George Edwards and others there, we called Bruce Drake over the phone and arranged for the drawings. I have