

forgotten whether Dr. King drew the slips or whether George Edwards did, but Kansas drew a bye and the first play-off was between Missouri and Oklahoma. Oklahoma won, then Kansas played Oklahoma to determine the winner. Kansas won, 45 - 39. Then Kansas played Oklahoma A. & M. at Oklahoma City, and Kansas won in an overtime game, 45 - 43, I think. Then our big series in Kansas City, when the drawing was made in public with Mr. Zachman doing the drawing and with Sam Barry, Frosty Cox, Buster Brannon and myself present for the drawing. It was made on the floor of the Auditorium before everybody, so there was no question about the drawings, everything being aboveboard.

Kansas drew Rice, and Colorado drew Southern California, with the results all of which you know. All during this time I was the Fifth District representative of the N.C.A.A. Rules Body, and of course picked my selection committee, of which you were one of the principal ones. It was the following year, 1941, that George Edwards was named the Fifth District representative in my place. It was then when he and Olsen began to plan for the 1941 N.C.A.A. western and national play-offs.

So perhaps Mark Cox's memory starts only from 1941, and does not go back of that.

Ralph Cannon is the man in charge of Esquire's sport. I have written for him before and would have written the article, "They Sold Basketball Down the River", for this year. In fact, we had it contracted for, but since the war was on I thought that I would not add any more fuel during war time because there were many other very much larger things to fight against than this, so I did not write the article. However, I do expect to send one of the tear sheets from your paper to Ralph Cannon for his perusal. Doubtless he will see it anyhow, but I thought I would enjoy sending him one just for the fun of it.

Last night after I had mailed my other letter I thought perhaps I had not been clear enough as to the point just when Edwards came in, so added this additional bit to clarify it.

By the way, Mac, if that historical resume appeals to you, you have my permission to run any or all of that in sections or as you like if it should prove historically interesting to you. However, I imagine your sport space is so limited now, and with baseball coming on, that your space is too precious, but there is a lot of stuff there that very few people know. Perhaps this is not the time to run it, but I know there are many avid readers of basketball that would thoroughly eat this up because it is the history of basketball and very few people really know the growth of the game by stages.

Oh, yes, there is one other thing that I want to tell you. L. W. St. John and Romeyn Barry were on my Olympic Committee from the N.C.A.A. but that is as far as they went. Never a line to me from them or from them to me, except to inform them that we had gotten basketball in the Olympics. That was in the move of machine-man John L. Griffith.