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Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
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Dear Mac:

No, sirree, we can't let Irving T. Marsh, Nat Holman, Ed Kelleher and Joe Lapohiek get away with any such thing as that. I will write you a statement and you can use any part of it you wish, as if you interviewed me personally.

Yes, sir, the Oklahoma victory was a happy one, I assure you. You see, Bruce Drake inherited Hugh McDermott's sophomore "Boy Scout" team. Five years ago we beat Hugh's sophomore team in a great game at Norman, then Hugh stepped out of the picture and into physical education, and Bruce took over with these boys as juniors. They were practically an unbeatable outfit and we were pretty lucky, I thought, to whip them at Lawrence and to lost at Norman those two years.

Then Bruce started out on the hunt, competing with Hank Iba, for talent. So it is no wonder that we had trouble with the Oklahoma boys. They are a super outfit. So we whipped them twice at Norman in the last six years, which is not a bad record, I would say, for Oklahoma courts and Oklahoma crowds and Oklahoma teams. Of course, Bruce Drake helped Hugh McDermott for a great number of years, but Harold Keith is a very clever publicity man and a fine one, and a gentleman, by the way, and naturally he made the youngster, Bruce Drake, a mere boy whipping the old man, Phog Allen. The jinx and so forth was good while it lasted, but he will have to think up another angle for his story from now on because the jinx is being dispersed.

Lots of good luck to you, Mac, old fellow.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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