

I recall the very discourteous letter that George Edwards wrote me concerning the action of the Kansas basketball coach in Kansas City during the N.C.A.A. tournament. In view of this fact, I can see many unpleasanties that might present themselves when Kansas might desire her band and her Jay Janes to perform before the public. After all, since this is the Kansas home court we want a Kansas night.

I can recall in 1936 when Kansas arranged two basketball games with the University of Southern California, Professor Shirkey called our faculty representative and Dr. King of Kansas State, and insisted Kansas had no right to play in Kansas City. Now, Mac, I think this is the real reason for Missouri's activities. Professor Shirkey and Dr. King came to Lawrence and it was arranged that Kansas would play but one game with the University of Southern California, the first one, and Missouri and Kansas State would play the second game of the double-header. Then the winners would play the winners, and the losers would play the losers. We were fortunate to beat the University of Southern California, and Kansas State defeated Missouri. Then we defeated Kansas State, and Southern California defeated Missouri. And this started out as a two-game series between Kansas and the University of Southern California.

You and your paper have been wonderfully fine to us and we would not want to displease you in any way. We are tremendously appreciative of the fine drawing power and hospitality that the Kansas City people have given us, which in many ways we can attribute to the unflagging publicity that your paper has given to Kansas. But when we had the foresight to make the preliminary arrangements for the first game and carry them through to successful conclusions, we still like to exercise the right of the host team of inviting in the people that we desire to play with. I trust that you will not think we are contentious or ungenerous.

I will appreciate your giving this your usual fair concern and write me at your convenience. I have written you from the depth of my heart and have not withheld a single inward thought.

With deep appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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