

January 24, 1941

Mr. W.P. McGlynn  
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.  
1024 Sixth Avenue S.  
Seattle, Washington,

Dear Mr. McGlynn:

Answering your communication of the 6th instant, I beg to state that I had the pleasure of coaching George E. Rody on the Kansas Varsity during the years of 1920, 1921 and 1922. During that time Rody was by far the outstanding basketball player in our part of the country.

He was not large, but he had a deadly eye for the basket, and it was not unusual at all to see him shoot ten to twelve goals a game. He was not the rugged type but found the open spaces far out from the basket where he was apt to be unguarded, and he exercised long, looping, arch shots that found their marks with deadly accuracy.

Up to his time he was considered with one or two exceptions perhaps the best basketball player ever to attend Kansas, and he was named on the so-called All American Team by Colliers. However, I want you to know that in those days All American teams were not as common as they are now, and I frankly doubt that any All American team is anything but the bunk, although we have had several players on different All American teams.

I am sure that you will follow me when I say that a college generation of students sometimes forget or even do not know of the other great players that preceded them or followed them. The other day I was asked to name the really all great forwards that we have had at Kansas by a leading publication and George Rody's name was listed along with five others.

I formerly played at the University of Kansas and have been coaching basketball, starting here in 1907 when we won the conference championship for two years. Then I came back ten years later in 1919 and have been here since, so I believe I know the outstanding players since I played on some of the near first teams that Kansas had.

Trusting this gives you the information that you seek, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach