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Dear Mac:

I noticed your comment regarding the Big-Ten not playing in the Garden. Could you give me the information as to when they passed that ruling?

Illinois is playing in the Garden on December 26 and Minnesota is playing the same night we play, December 28. Minnesota plays N.Y.U. while we play Fordham.

We knew very definitely that the Big-Ten frowned on these games and did not want them to play, but Doug Mills of Illinois and Dan McMillan of Minnesota scheduled these contests. I would be glad to have a short note from you regarding the information that you have on the Big-Ten barring the teams from playing there.

You know the Big-Six would not let us play there until Oklahoma and Missouri tied. Then they gave them the "go" signal. If there was any easy way for them to debar us from playing, I am quite sure we would not have a chance to go, but Oklahoma is also playing there and it would be pretty difficult for them to reverse the ruling so quickly.

Frankly, I would much rather stay at home and practice fundamentals than take the trip, but everybody is on the travel and it seems as if some coaches offer rewards to boys in the way of trips if they will attend their school. When everybody travels then the boys who have not traveled want to travel.

Lots of luck to you, Mac.

Sincerely yours,

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