

March 5, 1940.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I am enclosing copies of telegrams we have exchanged with the authorities at Oklahoma A. & M. College, so that you may have a progress report of our situation here. Henry Iba has repeatedly assured me of his support of our N.C.A.A. tournament, although it looks as if he wants to enter the Madison Square Garden tournament to make some money.

On February 6, 1940, Bus Ham, of Oklahoma City, wrote me as follows:

"The 15th of March has been reserved at the Auditorium for the Big Six-Missouri Valley play-off. Everybody in town is discussing the possibility of another meeting between the Sooners and Aggies, so I am sure it will pay out handsomely, if they should be so fortunate as to go through."

While I was in Omaha yesterday, where we played Creighton University, Lee Anderson, the secretary of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association, called me and stated that their high school tournament would not keep us out of the auditorium on the 15th and 16th.

Today I have talked with all members of my Fifth District Committee, with the exception of C. E. McBride whom I have been unable to reach as yet, and Dr. King and George Edwards are agreed with me that we should go ahead if Iba wants to drop out of the tournament. Bill Williams said that he would have to vote with Iba since they are in the same conference. I am calling a meeting of my committee next Saturday in Kansas City so that we can make final arrangements.

We are definitely going forward with our plans for the play-off for this district, but I just wanted you to know what is going on. We play Oklahoma next Friday night, and if Oklahoma wins that means the Big Six will have a three-way tie (Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas), to determine the winner to play Oklahoma A. & M. Of course, if the Oklahoma Aggies decide to give up our tournament, then the winner of the Big Six will go into the regional play on March 22 and 23. I shall keep you advised of our progress.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.