

October 12, 1939.

Mr. Harry P. Hopkins,  
Executive Assistant Manager,  
Hotel President,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

It was a genuine pleasure to have had a visit with you last evening. I enjoyed my short stay very much. You were very kind, and I trust that we may be able to give you some of the business of the basketball contingent.

May I give you the dates and the number expected? On March 22 and 23 there will be four teams of approximately fifteen men each, making a total of sixty. One team will come from the Missouri Valley district and will be a university team, as these teams are all from colleges or universities that observe the one-year residence requirement. Therefore, most of them are state universities, agricultural colleges and the larger schools. Another team will come from the Rocky Mountain conference - Colorado University, and so forth; one team from the Southwest conference - the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, and the like; and the other team will come from the Pacific Coast conference - the University of California, Southern California, and so forth.

The games will be played in the Municipal Auditorium on the two nights above mentioned.

Then on March 30 the finals will be played. The winning team of these four collegiate districts will play the winners of the four districts east of the Mississippi River. The finals will be narrowed to but the two teams.

On March 28, 29 and 30 the National Association of Basketball Coaches will meet. This is an organization of 169 coaches of the larger colleges and universities of the United States and Canada. Of course, that number will be augmented greatly by the smaller college coaches in this district. I should say that there will perhaps be over 200 present.