

August 11, 1939.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Camp Sarona,
Sarona, Wisconsin.

Dear Ole:

I have intentionally waited until the close of our Summer Session, which just finished this week, so that I might very properly take care of my correspondence with you. I wanted time to meditate so that I might arrive at a solution that I could go along with you one hundred per cent.

I was happy that the Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. voted to continue the tournament for another year. I will have to admit that I was somewhat surprised to know that the tournament as a whole lost approximately \$2500.00. Now, I am going to try to make that \$2500.00 back but that is quite an assignment for one year, isn't it, Ole? I have never had charge of any tournament of any kind that we have ever lost money on, and I am not boastfully saying that. But I believe that we will have to dip our colors and perhaps play the district tournament on one of our schools' home courts if they will pay enough for it. It gives them a decided advantage - say eight to ten points in the score - but we can also realize that if we do not make good this year we will give the Madison Square Garden outfit a decided advantage over our college set up. Failure with our program means finis for all of our collegiate championship hopes. So we cannot afford to fail. If this procedure is followed in all the district tournaments I am sure that we could wipe out the deficit and have some money in the bank.

When you breached this proposition of playing on the champion's home floor to John Burn and me in our conference I could not see it, and I would not be willing to abide by it if the N.C.A.A. were out of debt, but as I see it now we are in a very critical position, and a school that wins the championship in their respective sector - if they are hot enough to offer a big guarantee for the play-off - then I would be in favor of accepting it.

Now I am going along further with you. I can see the bad taste in the financial mouths of the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee, and I assure you that nothing will be left undone in our schedule toward putting the financial standing of our basketball tournament in black ink. I will guarantee you that I will have a nice show for you

in the final and we will try to lead up with a sizeable sum of money in the district and the semi-final.

I appreciate the nice things that George Edwards had to say regarding our desire to make our district play-off a successful one from the financial as well as the general interest standpoint. Missouri dealt us a body blow when they withdrew from the tournament and Drake University did almost as bad after agreeing to play, and then trying to back out at the last minute, and then after not backing out to come to the tournament and stay nearly a week at the expense of the tournament committee. They used the same excuse that Missouri did - the fact that the trip necessitated too much time lost from school. That is always a big laugh to me because Missouri as well as Drake sends her athletes all over the United States at any time as an excuse for publicity and competition.

As for Drake's difficulties, it certainly was not the fault of Bill Williams, the athletic director, but rather I lay most of the difficulty at the door of Ed Lytton, the business manager of Drake University. Neither do I think Missouri's difficulty was due to George Edwards. It was certain members on the athletic board that in my opinion felt they would not want to risk their chances with the Oklahoma team, which most everybody considered a superior team. And although the Missouri group were strong members of the N.C.A.A. and had Chester Brewer there as one of their prominent officers, they left us in the lurch at a very critical moment. However, we pulled out of it and made the most of it. But it crippled our tournament both from a standpoint of spectator interest, but the worst of it was when Missouri pulled out it looked like we were running a sideshow.

The fact that Emil Liston has been running his tournament called the "National Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship", and that his personnel in that tournament was largely of small colleges, - this move on the part of Missouri made us in this set up here look like a medicine-barker sideshow. They thought it was just something that we individually were trying to promote, and we had difficulty in trying to get that information across. The general public were confused over the "National Collegiate" and the International Collegiate terminology.

I am leaving Sunday for St. Louis to be there on business in connection with my new Goal-Hi basket that I am promoting for playgrounds. From there I go to Atlanta, Georgia, where I will be until August 26th at the coaching school at Georgia Tech. And then I am returning to Lawrence and setting up my publicity, entertainment, and sales promotional activities on September 1. I expect to have everything lined up so that we will have a very intelligent and thorough campaign in putting over this basketball pageant and spectacle.

I will be happy to hear from you should other angles occur to you during your vacation in Sarona.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

July 5, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I understand that the N. C. A. A. Executive Committee in session this last week end in New York voted to continue with the N. C. A. A. tournament, although I haven't had an official notification as yet. They were naturally disappointed because the tournament as a whole lost approximately \$2,500. last season. The play-off in your district was the only part of it which produced figures in the black.

I had a letter sometime back from George R. Edwards, in which he makes this statement: "Also, I want you to know that I think your choice of chairman for this district was a splendid one. Dr. Allen expended a lot of effort to put over the tournament. As to his efficiency I have little knowledge, but no one could have been more enthusiastic, nor could any other have had the time to put in on it that he did. The fact that Missouri's faculty withdrew our team put the committee on the spot in the district tournament, but the members have expressed to me a desire to work with the N.C.A.A. in the future providing the tournaments do not necessitate too much time lost from school."

I thought you would be interested in this comment from George. I believe just as soon as the N.C.A.A. gives the "go sign" on this tournament, plans should be as definitely drawn as possible at the earliest moment. I feel confident that with the play-off and the final game in Kansas City, teaming up with the meeting of the basketball coaches and with the Rules Committee meeting, that we have a set-up which will not only take care of the deficit of last year, but perhaps make some money for the N.C.A.A., especially if in the selection of a place for the Eastern play-off we choose a place, taking into account the local interest. I think it is up to us to keep the fact chiefly in mind that we not only have to make up this year's deficit, but also to make money as well if we want to have the whole-hearted support of the N.C.A.A. It will probably cause some criticism if we

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decide to hold the Eastern play-off on the home floor of one of the teams selected for the play-off, but it seems to me we should set aside such objections as might come from such an action in our desire to put this tournament on a paying basis. After all, the advantage which the home team has in basketball isn't quite as great as it used to be, and in the face of the present situation I feel we must, at least for next year, overlook this home floor advantage.

I hope you can see this point of view and go along with it because I certainly feel somewhat of a personal responsibility of trying in any way we can, legitimately, to wipe out the bad taste which the poor financial results of last year's tournament has left in the mouths of the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee.

I am leaving for Wisconsin today and if you have any ideas about the tournament other than what we have talked about I would certainly be glad to hear from you. My address will be Camp Sarona, Sarona, Wisconsin.

With best personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



H. G. Olsen
Basketball Coach

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November 16, 1939.

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

Dear Ole:

Your good letter of the 14th instant has just been received, and I find myself in hearty accord with all that you and President Owens desire.

Floyd Rowe has asked me to be in Cleveland on the 27th and 28th of November at a rules interpretation meeting for his district. I am wondering if you could communicate with Floyd and find when we would be free and see if there is any chance for you and for me to get together at this time when I am in such close proximity to you. A personal conversation is worth loads of correspondence.

I want you to know that I am intensely interested in making this N.C.A.A. tournament a great success and anything that I can do to make this emphatically a stand-out N.C.A.A. project will receive my tireless support.

Answering the next to the last paragraph in your letter, I have talked to Major Griffith and Saint a great number of times and I, too, believe that the "director" or "faculty" type of individual is the man to have on such committee. At least that type should dominate the committee, and we might have a few of the active coaches so that there would be no great criticism from the coach's angle.

Yes, I do feel that we can successfully operate this season without using newspaper men on our active committee. I had rather a delicate situation confronting me. Liston, who is operating this National Intercollegiate Committee, had the active support of McBride, and he still has it, but I think we are breaking the ice very successfully.

If you could get over to Cleveland at any time that you and Floyd Rowe could agree on so that we might have a conference, I am sure we could iron out a lot of these situations.

It might be wise to continue this one more year, treat it rather in an expectant fashion until we could get over the hump. I think we are going to have a great tournament this year and I am very enthusiastic about putting both of these play-offs here in Kansas City over in a big way.

Awaiting your reply at your earliest convenience with a view to seeing you in Cleveland, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

November 14, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I am in receipt of a letter from President Owens of the N.C.A.A. in which he has enclosed a letter from a Mr. Gilmore, Secretary of the Rocky Mountain Faculty Athletic Conference.

Gilmore had suggested in this letter to Major Griffith that District 7 has its own elected executive committee which would be empowered to cooperate in making the district selection. Gilmore said in his letter, "We feel that this committee might be the logical group either to make the selection or to designate the persons who should. The basketball rules member for district 7 is coach of the team which is likely to be an important contender."

President Owens, in his letter, says this - "If it is possible to cooperate with this group in some way with selections in this district, I feel that it would be well to do so as we need all the support we can get in the various districts in the building up of this tournament. I do not think it would be necessary to designate this committee as the final selecting authority but if, without serious interference with your plans, they could be asked to cooperate it might prove helpful."

I am writing to you to get your reaction to Owens' suggestion and also to ask if you won't take a major part in the making up of all our committees. You know as well as anybody else what we were trying to do last year - maybe we were following the correct procedure, in your judgment, and maybe not. At any rate, the time is here when we should be setting up definitely the selection committees in all our districts, and what I am trying to tell you is that I am going to lean on you rather heavily in this connection. In the first place, you have both the Western play-off and the final game on your hands. Secondly, I know there is nobody in the whole business more interested in seeing this tournament blossom out in a real way this season.

I have written "June" Salmon several times in connection with tournament business but so far I have not been able to get a reply from him.

There was one thought expressed in the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee meeting in New York early this Summer and that was, generally speaking, committees which operate tournaments such as ours might well

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have in its make-up more men of the "director" or "faculty" type rather than active coaches. The thought was expressed that so often coaches are so occupied in their own work of coaching that they don't make, in a good many instances, the best type of committee member. Perhaps you have heard this thought expressed before. I am not sure I subscribe to that entirely and yet I suppose it is something we might well keep in mind when we are thinking of the make-up of our tournament committee.

There was some question raised also in this Executive Committee meeting as to the use of men on our committees who were not connected in any way with the N.C.A.A. Do you feel we can successfully operate this season without using newspaper men, let us say, on our active committees? Possibly the answer would be to make use of these men in an advisory capacity. What do you think of this idea?

At any rate please give this matter of the whole committee set-up your best thought and let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

"Ole"

H. G. Olsen

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November 22, 1939.

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

Dear Ole:

Doubtless by now you have received my letter endeavoring to make contact with you on Tuesday, so everything is o.k. It will be a great pleasure to meet with you and Saint and iron out difficulties that will be very easy under this arrangement. It will be a pleasure to see you both, and I feel very decidedly that we would be missing something very important to our cause if we could not have Saint with us.

Do not put any interpretation on it that you might be butting in, but you are helping by your coming. It will be a pleasure to see you both.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

November 20, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I have been in correspondence with Floyd Rowe and have found that you will have some free time on Tuesday, November 28. Accordingly I am planning to come to Cleveland on the 28th. Saint and I will leave here by car in the morning so as to arrive at the Cleveland Athletic Club somewhere around 11:00 A.M. Floyd tells me you would be free until about 3:30 P.M.

It strikes me this would be a fine opportunity for you, Saint and myself to get down to brass tacks on this tournament committee set-up. I would like very much to have Saint sit in with us because of the fact that he was present at the N.C.A.A. executive committee meeting where the whole business was discussed rather thoroughly last Summer. I hope this plan will meet with your approval and that you will be able to give us a few hours of your time. We could eat lunch together and then go on with such discussion as we have and still not butt into your program as you have arranged it originally with Floyd Rowe. I hope you will come prepared with suggestions as to committee personnel, etc., especially with respect to the Western set-up.

If any circumstance should arise which makes it impossible for you to meet us at 11:00 on November 28, please wire me immediately, otherwise, we will plan to see you at that time.

Kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,


H. G. Olsen

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November 20, 1939.

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

Dear Ole:

Floyd Rowe has just written me that you are planning to come to Cleveland. I am delighted that we will see you there and we will certainly go over each detail that has to do with our tournament.

I have just heard from Floyd Rowe stating that the dinner will be at Cleveland Monday night at 6:15, and he has not planned anything for me before that time so I am going to plan to see Major Griffith, if possible, in Chicago. I will leave Chicago at 9:50 Monday morning, arriving in Cleveland at 5:15 p.m.

I am writing you air mail special delivery so that doubtless you can come in for the dinner and stay over with us at the Cleveland Athletic Club. Then Tuesday morning we will iron everything out. If your time is more limited I will make it a point to see you whenever it is convenient for you. I may stay over in Cleveland Tuesday night and leave Cleveland Wednesday morning at 7:50 a.m., arriving in Chicago at 1:45 p.m. I will then get out of Chicago at 8 o'clock that night, arriving home the next morning at 8:50.

I trust that your time will fit into this schedule.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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December 8, 1939.

Mr. L. W. St. John,
Director of Athletics,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Saint:

I greatly appreciated your letter of December 4th. We are really going to break our necks not only to put basketball over in a big way from the N.C.A.A. standpoint, but from all angles so far as university and college administration is concerned.

The outlook appears to be very promising for a bumper crowd and increased interest in the game.

I wrote an article for the Associated Press about Dr. Naismith at a time when I was extremely busy getting ready to leave for Cleveland. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have received from Harold Claassen, regional sports editor of the A.P., from Kansas City. With this offer of reciprocity on his part we are going to ask him to boost the N.C.A.A. tournament in all of his A.P. set-ups, and I believe he will do it because I did this thing for him.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

December 4, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has sponsored the second annual National Basketball Championship and has furthermore, on the recommendation of "Phog" Allen and H. G. Olsen, made plans to hold the National Championship as well as the regional tournament in Kansas City. The Western Conference has voted support of this tournament, so far as N. C. A. A. District #4 goes, and has made it possible for the Western Conference to be represented in the tournament.

I hope that District #5 will enthusiastically and loyally support the tournament and cooperate with "Phog" Allen and H. G. Olsen in every possible way.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

St. John

L. W. St. John
Director of Athletics

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December 8, 1939.

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

Dear "Ole":

I am hurrying to get off to Warrensburg where we dedicate their new field house this evening, but want to take time to acknowledge your wire and your letter of December 6th. Later I will write you a long letter explaining why I wired you. I felt it was imperative to do this. Thank you for your promptness in getting the job done.

I talked to Dr. King over the phone yesterday and I am going to see him at our rules meeting in Kansas City on Saturday.

I have received a letter from Saint, and with the cooperative effort of all of us I am sure we shall see results. I was in Kansas City Wednesday night attending the opening ceremonies of the Naismith League. There were over four thousand people in attendance, and I had an opportunity to talk to a great many newspaper men. They are all very enthusiastic about the tournament.

Kenneth Adams, of the Phillips Petroleum Company, was there and I told him about the tournament. Many people asked about the intercollegiate conference, and they were so eager to know about the group of much larger institutions. I think we will find this interest manifest all over the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

December 6, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I wired you today agreeing that you should serve as chairman of the selection committee in District 5. At the same time I wired King as follows:

"FURTHER REFLECTION RE COMMITTEE DISTRICT 5 MAKES ME FEEL ALLEN SHOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE WITH HIM. IS THIS ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO YOU? PLEASE WIRE."

I hope this will be a satisfactory arrangement.

With respect to the so-called Intercollegiate Basketball Association that Liston is sponsoring, "Butch" Grover is getting busy with the membership of the National Basketball Coaches Association to try to set them right with respect to this move and he is also writing to Bunn, urging him to present the matter to President Owens so that Owens may again write to the entire N.C.A.A. membership appealing for their support of the N.C.A.A. Tournament. Saint has already written to each member of the Missouri Valley and Big Six suggesting that they support the Tournament in somewhat the way the Western Conference has, and I have just written again to Jim Swarts at Pennsylvania, telling him I am still in hopes the Eastern Intercollegiate League will break down their post-season prejudice to the extent of helping out this N.C.A.A. project. I feel that Swarts himself is in sympathy with that idea and I have a hunch that Bushnell may lean in that direction. If they do feel that way it is possible they might bring the Eastern Intercollegiate League in line with our hopes.

I have written to all the men we hope to have on the selection committees but haven't had replies from any of them as yet. Just as soon as we do get the set-up ready I will get in touch with you so we can make a good "splash" announcing the set-up.

I was sorry McBride wasn't at the baseball meeting in Columbus so I did not get a chance to talk to him. I did talk to one of the other newspaper men however, who incidentally is a graduate of Kansas and a friend of yours, and I gathered from his comments that they would put the shoulder to the wheel.

Very sincerely yours,

"ole"

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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December 19, 1939.

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

Dear Harold:

I imagine that you think I am as changeable as the wind. I had a fine visit with Dr. H. H. King in Kansas City and he told me that you had written him asking him to accept a place on the committee, but not the chairmanship. I told him that I was going to write you and that I was going to insist that you offer him the chairmanship.

Now, this sounds silly, Ole, but the more I think about it the better it will be for the N.C.A.A. set up all around. I know that I can work with Dr. King as he is not only a fine gentleman but he carries a lot of prestige in this section, and to have a faculty representative as chairman of this selection committee will be a fine thing.

So since you haven't announced the committee I would like, of course, to serve on the committee, but name him as chairman.

As a courtesy I asked the Missouri Valley committee for their nomination of a man and they selected Bill Williams. So everything will be O.K. if you care to name Dr. King, C. E. McBride, Bill Williams, George Edwards and me on the committee.

I notice that the A.A.U. is going to bring the women's A.A.U. tournament into Kansas City, so that presents another A.A.U. angle. I will not go into this, but this is why I asked that the committee personnel not be changed this year. There are some things I prefer to talk to you about and not write.

Thanking you for your kindly patience and wise dispensation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Lawrence, Kansas
February 10, 1940

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

Dear Harold:

I am writing to ask you what determination was made regarding the request of the National Association of Basketball Coaches for a small percentage of the N.C.A.A. tournament receipts.

I am sending you copies of two letters that I have written - one to Heck Edmundson and one to Butch Grover, and I believe you and I now will have to keep the wires and the air mail hot in promoting this tournament one hundred per cent.

You wrote me some time ago that you expected to lean heavily upon me in this tournament. Well, Ole, I have never let down on anyone in my life, and I am as anxious as you are to see this tournament make a great success this year. We have got the set-up, and if we do not engineer it correctly then it will be somebody's funeral. So I want you to keep hounding me, but I am going to try to beat you to it on all the preparations that I possibly can. I am taking you at your word and am going to endeavor to do a great job.

Ole, I also want to know in regard to our Fifth District play-off. Of course, we will have one between the Big Six and the Missouri Valley Conferences, and I am wondering if the National Association of Basketball Coaches expected any money from the district play-off. Our committee will soon be forced to meet, as our tentative date is on the 15th of March for our District play-off.

Now, in regard to the four eastern districts. I haven't seen a line in the papers regarding any of their set-ups. Won't you write me and let me know so that I can write the possible winners for publicity material, glosses, and so forth? It looks as if the west coast is pretty well set with U.S.C.; the Southwest Conference looks like Texas, and the Rocky Mountain Conference looks like Colorado; and our district looks like Oklahoma. Missouri and Kansas just have an outside chance, but I am afraid they are going to be so far outside that they will do no good.

By the way, Ole, I almost wish that we couldn't win it this year even if we had a chance, because I will be so busy with arrangements that I know I would neglect my team. So I don't think I am going to have to worry much on the possibility of our getting in the tournament.

Confidentially, Ole, I am enclosing copy of a wire, and my reply, that I received from Oklahoma A. & M.'s publicity man. It looks as if either the eastern tournament committee or some tournament committee is flirting with Iba, but I am confident that he will stay in the buggy. I am keeping you advised on the turn of our events, because make no mistake - Mr. Ned Irish and Company are gunning for you and for us.

Won't you write me at once?

Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

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

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WESTERN UNION

Stillwater, Oklahoma
February 7, 1940.

Dr. F. S. Allen,
University of Kansas.

Please advise by Western Union when dates of N.C.A.A. intercollegiate basketball tournament are scheduled. Important that I know immediately. Not for publication if you so desire.

Joe Mayfield.

REPLY

Happy to have your wire. Dates have previously been announced through press several times. National Collegiate semi-finals Kansas City March 22-23. Finals Kansas City March 30. National Basketball Coaches Association and National Basketball Rules Committee meetings March 28 to April 1; also National Basketball Officials Association. Play-off between Missouri Valley and Big Six to determine Fifth District representative March 15, either Oklahoma City or Kansas City depending upon outcome of conference race; preferably Oklahoma City. Regards.

Forrest C. Allen

(Collect dayletter)

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

February 23, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I think I covered some of the material I intended writing you about in our telephone conversation last night. We are getting out the bulletin today which I think will bring the committees up to date as to what is expected of them and will, I hope, spur them on a little bit in the work which they will be called on to do.

By the way, just as a matter of clearing the records, I note that the bulletin which you sent me, in which you said I had left off your name from the General Committee, was the Bulletin #1 for last year's tournament and not this year's.

I am sorry to see John Bunn and Curtis Parker drop out of the picture but am sure the work will go on just the same.

I am contacting Henry Iba today to put in my little plug for the N.C.A.A. as compared with the invitation tournament in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

"ole"

H. G. Olsen
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball
Tournament Committee

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BULLETIN NO. 1

SUBJECT-National Intercollegiate Athletic Association Basketball
Tournament.

The NCAA for the first time is conducting its own basketball tournament this year. This tournament is not to be confused with any other national tournament inasmuch as only members of the NCAA are eligible for competition.

The NCAA is divided into eight districts, four east of the Mississippi River and four west of the river. Districts ONE, TWO, THREE and FOUR comprise the Eastern section while Districts FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, and EIGHT go to make up the Western section.

A selection committee has already been named for each of the eight districts. This committee, on basis of season record, will select the outstanding team in its district to play in the Sectional tournament with the two sectional winners meeting a week later for the NCAA championship.

THE EASTERN SECTIONAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING TEAM IN DISTRICTS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR WILL BE HELD AT THE PALESTRA IN PHILADELPHIA ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 17 AND 18 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF H. JAMISON SCHWATZ OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE WESTERN SECTIONAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING TEAMS IN DISTRICTS FIVE, SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN GATE EXPOSITION GROUNDS, SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY AND TUESDAY MARCH 20 AND 21 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF JOHN BUNN OF STANFORD.

The selection of the teams playing in these sectional meets, of a necessity, must be postponed until late in the regular playing season. However, most sports writers will be able within the next week or so to tell pretty well which team in their respective district is outstanding.

THE WINNER IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SECTIONAL WILL MEET FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP THE NIGHT OF MARCH 25 AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL. THE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF WILL BE IN CHARGE OF A.C. (DUTCH) LONBORG.

The General Committee in charge of the tournament is composed of H.G. Olson, Ohio State University, Columbus, O., chairman; H.H. Salmon, Jr., 40 Wall-St., New York City; W.F. Chandler, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., and John Bunn of Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

For any additional information write or wire any of the above.

Herewith is a list of states and NCAA schools in your district, also members of the Selection Committee for the district.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
SEATTLE

February 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education and Recreation
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Fogg:

Your letter of the 20th has been received. I am going to experiment with the twelve-foot basket just as soon as our season closes this weekend. Early next week I am going to have two baskets elevated in our Intramural gymnasium for the purpose of experimenting on my own behalf in order that I may have some practical experience in discussing this idea at the Rules Committee meeting. Since I have boys who range in height from five feet, eight inches to six feet, five inches, I should be able to get an idea as to the difference that height may make under a twelve-foot basket.

U. S. C. has already won the Southern Division conference championship. University of Oregon has lost four games and has four yet to play on the road with Idaho and W. S. C. Oregon State has lost three; they have two more to play here this weekend. Naturally, we look forward with some hope of bumping them off. Our record is not impressive, but we have beaten every other team at least once or twice so we remain hopeful. Either of these two Oregon teams could win or the race could end in a tie.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Edmundson
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