

Lawrence, Kansas
March 4, 1939

Mr. George Edwards,
Columbia, Missouri.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. J. C. Truesdale,
Grinnell, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I received from Mr. H. G. Olsen, as of November 7, 1938, asking me to serve as chairman of the N.C.A.A. 5th District and asking that I appoint two other members on the committee. Personally, I felt that a four-man committee was much better than a three-man committee, and made that suggestion to Mr. Olsen, Chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee, and he acquiesced. I am also sending a copy of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament plans, as he briefly outlined.

I would like to call your attention to the third paragraph of the letter in which Mr. Olsen referred to the possible contingency of Kansas winning the title. In that case he felt that it would be the part of wisdom to have Kansas take smaller action toward promoting her interests than if she were not in the representative list. While we desire all the cooperation and intelligent suggestions from Mr. Edwards, as well as his personal attendance at the meetings, since Missouri is in the championship titular hunt it may be the better part of wisdom to let the Missouri representative depend upon the other members in outlining the vital procedures for the tournament.

I am sending this copy of the letter so that you may know the wishes of the general chairman.

On the afternoon prior to our game with the University of Missouri at Columbia, Coach Edwards and I had a conference about the possible contingencies of the play-off series. I outlined to Coach Edwards the bare possibility of the winner of the Kansas-Missouri