

game being tied with Oklahoma after next Monday night's Oklahoma-Kansas State game. In other words, the Big Six presents the possibility of having a co-champion.

The Oklahoma Aggies are definitely in as champions of the Missouri Valley Conference. I told Coach Edwards that it seemed unfair to pit two Big Six teams against the one Missouri Valley representative in a play-off series, and I voiced to him that I thought the fair thing would be to have two representatives of the Missouri Valley district, namely the Oklahoma Aggies and Drake. Drake is a close second to Oklahoma Aggies, and the fact that they defeated them at Des Moines owned the series in their own conference. Therefore, if such a situation does exist, that Missouri and Oklahoma are tied, then it seems fair that two teams from the Missouri Valley Conference with two teams from the Big Six Conference should have a play-off at some point to be selected real soon. Drawings could be made with the Missouri Valley teams playing the Big Six teams. This would be a two-night tournament, the second night would be the final play-off to determine the champion that would represent the 5th District at San Francisco on March 20-21.

I further expressed the opinion to Coach Edwards that in the event that Oklahoma should lose either one of the two games to Nebraska or to Kansas State, then Missouri would be the outright champion of the Big Six and they would meet the Oklahoma Aggies on some neutral court in a single game to determine the championship.

Coach Olsen stressed the point that the matter of being taken away from school as little as possible was one of the prime essentials that the tournament committee has emphasized. The time consumed in determining the district winner, and then the added time for the trip to San Francisco and then back to Chicago adds up into a lot of days away from school. We must protect our athletes against the charge of itinerant traveling men.

Upon receipt of this letter will you not wire me telling me if it will be possible for you to meet in Kansas City, say at the Continental Hotel, at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th. This committee can then make final plans regarding the selection of the teams eligible for this play-off to represent the 5th District at San Francisco. The Monday night game between Oklahoma and Kansas State will be history and we will then be free to make a decision. There is a bare possibility that Oklahoma might lose to Nebraska Saturday night, but by writing this letter today and having it in your hands Monday morning I feel that I have moved as rapidly as possible consistent with possible changes in the situation.

I am thinking out loud so that you may have the benefit of my thoughts, and I might suggest that you also turn over in your mind and have ready for presentation your ideas on the location of this play-off tournament or play-off game. As I think it over, the cities that might be interested in this would be Des Moines, Oklahoma City and Kansas City.