

Now, that looks like a lot of traveling for basketball teams, but when you consider that for Oklahoma the sectional tournament was played 14 miles from Norman. They are now on their way to San Francisco for a two night play-off. Then only one of those teams, perhaps one of the west coast teams, will win it and that winner will travel back to Chicago for one day play-off. The same can be said of the eastern play-off. There is not a lot of traveling for any of those teams to do because the longest any of the play-offs have been is two days, and it is well-nigh impossible to figure out any scheme on this very conservative tournament basis whereby one team is losing as much time from school as some of these jaunts that other teams make for week-end play.

You are such a fair-minded sportsman that I felt if we should lay all of these facts before you that you would readily see that certainly basketball has not been overdone. Some say, "There is so much time taken away from school for basketball trips". Well, let us see just how much time we lose. In football some teams play 9 or 10 games in some large area and take cross-country jaunts. Others play each week end. And not all the games are too close at hand. When we consider that all the other sports, except track - both indoor and out - hit in one semester, then you can see how fortunate it is that basketball is broken up into two semesters and much of the traveling is done during Christmas vacation when there is no school on. In basketball our men lose less time away from school than the men of any other sport. And when it is considered that we have two semesters to spread the sport over, then there is very, very little time lost in either semester. This is true of every school with the exception of schools that operate on the quarterly basis, wherein basketball falls in one of those quarters. I am thinking of Iowa State College and the University of Chicago who use the quarterly system.

I think it is perfectly natural for a coach who is interested in basketball to present a fair appeal of that sport, and I trust that I have been fair in presenting these things to you.

With deep appreciation for your many acts of kindly courtesy,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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