

December 16, 1938

Mr. H. G. Olson, Chairman
N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio

Dear "Ole:"

Thank you very much for your letter of December 6. I have invited Mr. Fred Bohler to act on my selection committee. I asked Bill Hunter of U.S.C. to suggest the name of some one from the Southern California Conference. Such an arrangement would give us adequate representation for the 8th District. To date I have heard from neither of these men. I wrote to them immediately after receiving your wire. It is impossible for me to name my committee until I have personal confirmation.

The date which you have chosen for the play off for the western districts is in conflict with the Pacific Coast Conference championship series. This series will be played this year in the northern half of the conference on March 10, 11 and 13. The play off has been on these dates for a number of years. If you cannot make other arrangements for the tournament in Kansas City, then it will probably mean that we shall not be able to provide the outstanding team from the Pacific Coast. The Pacific Coast Conference has gone on record to support the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I hope therefore that it will be possible for you to make arrangements to include our representative. In all probability it will be the champion of the Pacific Coast Conference.

I suppose that Kansas City is the best place to hold the tournament. However, we shall run into competition with the Liston party. If you were to hold the tournament in Denver, you would compete with the A.A.U. affair. I believe we could build up considerable enthusiasm for the tournament if you saw fit to bring it to San Francisco. You see, we would have the added attraction of the San Francisco exposition. Our Civic Auditorium has just installed a floor exactly like that in Madison Square Garden. We can seat