

Memo - Re Conversation with George Edwards, University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri, Thursday afternoon, March 7, 1940

George Edwards asked, if there should be a three way tie within the Big Six is it mandatory under N.C.A.A. regulations that the Big Six determine a champion - or to put it another way - would it be possible in the event of a three way tie in the Big Six to have a single play-off involving these three teams plus the Oklahoma Aggies, who have already won the Missouri Valley, making a four team tournament to be played in two nights, thus settling the matter as to who would represent District five in the Tournament.

My answer was that I could see no objection to such a four team play-off because in effect such a play-off means the champion of the Missouri valley playing against the champion (champions) of the Big Six. Such a four team play-off would definitely come under N.C.A.A. regulations regarding play-offs, which are looking forward to who is to represent the district in the tournament and, therefore, would involve cutting the N.C.A.A. in on a portion of the receipts. If, however, the Big Six, in the event of a three way tie, are to hold a three team tournament to decide the Big Six champion, that, in my judgment, is not an N.C.A.A. affair and the N.C.A.A., therefore, would not participate in the receipts of such an event.

I stated definitely to George that the matter of who is to represent District five in the N.C.A.A. Tournament is strictly up to the selection committee of that district. The only time decisions of this selection committee could be upset, ^{it} would seem to me, would be in case there was an appeal made to the General Committee of the Tournament.

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