

March 4, 1939.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Harold:

Answering your good letter of March 2nd concerning Johnny Bunn, doubtless you have already received a copy of the letter that Johnny wrote me with a carbon copy to you, St. Clair, Witte and Owens.

I am quoting a part of Johnny's letter to me as of February 20, 1939:

"In a number of your letters you have referred to the lateness of the date for our tournament out here. I hope you will appreciate the fact that this is the earliest possible date (it could be held on March 17 and 18 which is practically the same time) that the tournament could be held, and still have the representation of the 8th District."

However, in his letter of February 28 he fully explains why it was necessary to play on the 20th and 21st.

Now, Ole, we have got to charge some of those things up to experience, and next year it should be a lot more pleasant and efficient with less friction all around. John states definitely that the tournament dates were moved up to the 20th and 21st, and he is now going ahead with arrangements on this basis.

Personally, I think it would be a fine thing if all the districts, including 5-6-7-8, could have John Bunn make arrangements for hotel rates and thereby reduce the entertainment expenses perceptibly. This goes for practice courts for the visitors as well.

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter that I have written to my district members. You can see that I am availing myself of every opportunity to hasten this decision as to our district representative which will play at San Francisco on March 20-21. I have also assured John Bunn in my letter that we will cooperate with him one hundred per cent in getting all the publicity to him that is so necessary in a situation of this kind. Previously we have send him all the outstanding players on these representative teams.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 6, 1939.

Mr. Robin McGeorge, Auditor,
Continental Hotel and K.C.A.C.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Robin:

I am not exactly sure of your status, whether you are auditor, manager or owner of the Continental Hotel and the Kansas City Athletic Club, but I am writing you in the desire that you can straighten us out.

Our 5th District N.C.A.A. Basketball Committee, comprising Mr. C. E. McBride, Mr. George Edwards, Mr. John Truesdale, and the writer as chairman, desire to meet in your hostelry tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 to discuss the necessary play-off which will determine the representative which will compete in the Regional Tournament in San Francisco on March 20-21.

It is not necessary for us to have other than a convenient place where we can discuss the matter for a few hours. If you will kindly make arrangements for such meeting place we will appreciate it.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

March 7, 1939.

Here is the proposition that I offered Mr. Liston. I proposed that we take the cash receipts of the National Intercollegiate Tournament for their first two nights last year, and that our N.C.A.A. committee allow him that amount of money for his rental plus an added sum this year. I proposed that we then, as a determiner for the added sum, take the entire total gross receipts of Liston's Intercollegiate Tournament for last year and compare them with the total receipts this year, and that we increase the rental for the first two nights of this year, namely Monday and Tuesday, according to the proportion of the increase in total gate receipts of this year over last year's tournament.

In other words, if Liston's tournament this year grossed twice as much as last year, we would pay double the rental for Monday and Tuesday nights.

It must be taken into consideration that Liston's tournament would go on and not be interrupted only by pushing some of their games so they would be played during the day rather than at night. This would be velvet for Liston's tournament, and I considered it a very fair proposition.

Furthermore, I agreed that he could count his advance sale that has been made by the Chamber of Commerce in this year's gross. Liston stated that he had about 2,000 tickets sold. We had agreed to admit these tickets free so far as deductions on our part were concerned regarding the totals.

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OHIO STATE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4, TEXAS DISTRICT 6, VILLANOVA DISTRICT 2. IT LOOKS LIKE KENTUCKY IN DISTRICT 3 AND BROWN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 1. HAVE YOU ANY FINAL WORD REGARDING DISTRICT 5 SELECTION PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED=

H G OLSEN.

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March 9, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I am planning on leaving Des Moines Sunday afternoon on the Rocket and will be in Kansas City at 9:45 p.m. I have written Parke Carroll to find out if he is leaving Kansas City Sunday night or on the Rocket Monday morning. Thought we might get together in leaving Kansas City.

I do hope that the Tuesday night game will start in time so it will be possible to get the 10 p.m. train out of Oklahoma City for Kansas City. I am quite anxious to get back to Des Moines as the state high school basketball tournament starts Thursday morning.

Will see you sometime Monday. With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely

Jack North

Sports department

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DR FORREST C ALLEN
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WILL BE ON HAND TO WORK IN GAMES MONDAY TUESDAY=
JACK NORTH.

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March 9, 1939.

Mr. John C. Truesdale,
Grimmell College,
Grimmell, Iowa.

Dear John:

Well, after much telephonic conversation, one call alone to Ed Lytton from Oklahoma City amounting to \$9.15, we finally succeeded in getting the thing ironed out so that the games will proceed after the drawings.

However, the officials were not acceptable to Ed Lytton over the phone when Henry Iba and Bruce Drake were present. We agreed on Parke Carroll, of Kansas City, and Jack North, of Des Moines. I wired both men from Oklahoma City and asked that they send their replies to me here at Lawrence. I trust that both will accept.

I think that you should plan to be in Oklahoma City for the play-off Monday and Tuesday nights. I believe the gate receipts are going to be sufficient so that we can pay your expenses without any difficulty, so the chairman is ordering you to be present with your expenses paid. And also, please bring a memorandum of your expense account that you entailed on your trip from Grimmell to Kansas City and return for the meeting Tuesday afternoon.

If there are other matters that come up I will communicate with you at once.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
DES MOINES, IOWA

OFFICE OF
THE BUSINESS MANAGER

March 9, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen, Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

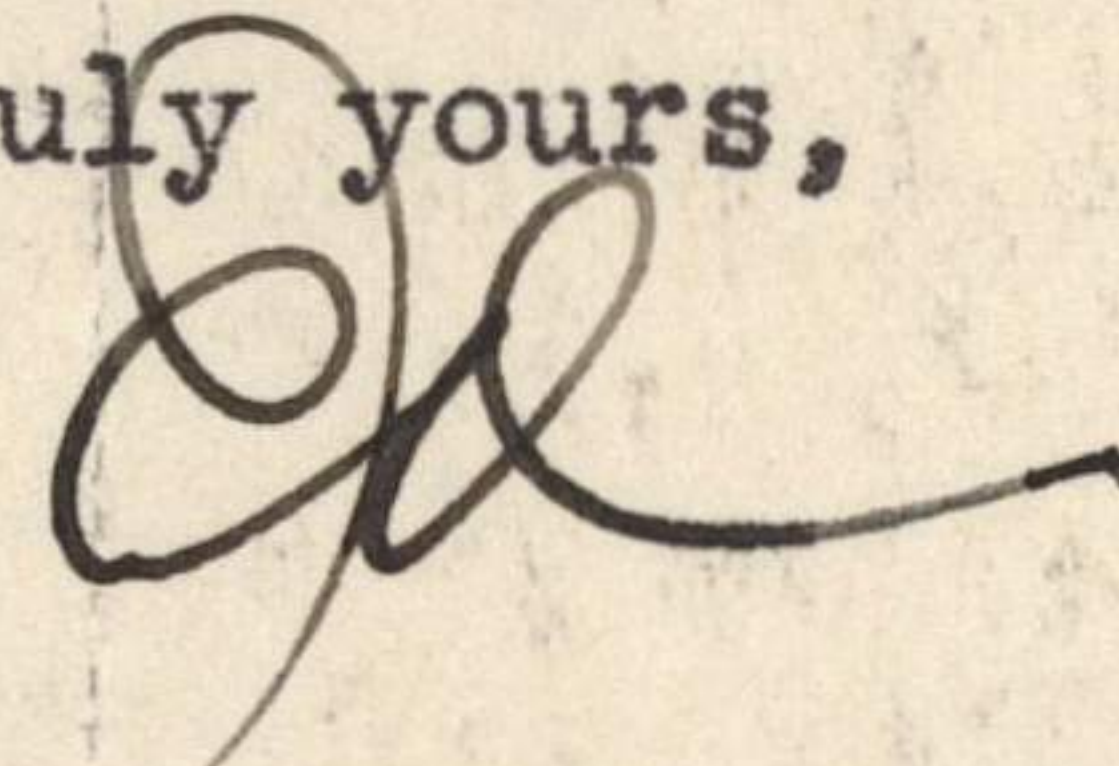
I am sorry if I appeared to be discourteous or over-exercized when we were talking by telephone yesterday. The chairman of our Athletic Council was with me at the time and he and others of the council were a bit discouraged and of the opinion that the whole business seemed to be a very difficult set up for the competition of northern teams. Obviously the two Oklahoma teams will have a six or eight-point handicap and we did not want this to be increased by officials who worked exclusively in the south.

We do not doubt the integrity of any of these gentlemen, but we are sure from some of our experiences that their interpretations are different sometimes from those of this section. However, we are very happy with the choice of Parke Carroll and Jack North. They are capable officials and square shooters, and we know that Oklahoma University, Oklahoma A. and M. and Drake will receive an even break in the officiating. We never expect anything more.

I know this whole thing has been a hard job for you and that it would have been much easier and more pleasant for you to have remained at home and avoided the work and inconvenience. We are thankful to you for your efforts.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



E. C. Lytton
Business Manager

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March 9, 1939.

Mr. E. O. Williams,
Basketball Coach,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Bill:

I am sorry that you were not in town when I communicated by telephone with Ed Lytton. Ed stated that you were out of town and he called for you over the telephone to find about Drake playing in the tournament. Then he and I continued our telephonic conversation and we have still been continuing it.

But I am trusting to see you at Oklahoma City on Monday and we will have further means of personal conversation.

My primal motive in starting this letter was to congratulate you on your fine team in winning the Missouri Valley basketball championship. A team that can win the championship deserves high praise because there are so many trials and tribulations in the life of the coach and in the success and failure of the team that it is very difficult to win a championship. For that reason I congratulate you, sir.

On Monday I want to talk to you about Ray Parkins. I have had occasion to recommend him for two university coaching positions and I trust that he will land one of them because he richly deserves an advanced promotion.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

Night letter, March 10, 1939

Mr. H. G. Olsen,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

Fifth District games Oklahoma City Monday
and Tuesday nights. Three teams, Drake, Oklahoma A.
and M., University of Oklahoma. Air mail letter follows.

Forrest C. Allen.

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DR FOREST C ALLEN=
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=FOR YOUR INFORMATION SELECTIONS MADE AND ACCEPTED AS
FOLLOWS DISTRICT 1 BROWN UNIVERSITY DISTRICT 2 VILLANOVA
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TEXAS. WHEN WILL YOU HAVE FINAL DECISION YOUR DISTRICT:

=H G OLSEN.

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Lawrence, Kansas
March 10, 1939.

Mr. H. G. Olsen, Chairman,
General Committee, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

Mr. John Bunn, Chairman,
Western Regional Play-off, N.C.A.A. Tournament.

Gentlemen:

I desire to give you some information to bring you up to date on our Fifth District N.C.A.A. play-off.

The University of Oklahoma and the University of Missouri tied in the Big Six Conference with seven won and three lost. Oklahoma A. & M. and Drake tied in the Missouri Valley Conference with nine won and three lost.

Our Fifth District committee met in Kansas City at the Continental Hotel at 2:30 p.m. on March 7th, all members being present. At 10:30 the same morning the Interscholastic Athletic Committee of the University of Missouri met at Columbia, Mo., and decided not to enter the tournament. Mr. George Edwards, a member of our committee and varsity basketball coach at the University of Missouri, stated that he did not know anything about the action of this athletic committee save what was printed in the paper, - that the committee desired that the team members have no further absences from school. I am sending each of you a clipping from the Kansas City Star which will explain the action better than the chairman has been able to get it from anyone else.

After Missouri withdrew I called each representative of the other three teams and asked if they would abide by the drawings made by the committee. Each stated that they would.

When the four teams were in I endeavored to get over a proposition with Mr. Emil Liston, the manager of the Collegiate Tournament in Kansas City. I offered Mr. Liston approximately

\$1,000 a night for rental of his hall on Monday and Tuesday, the 13th and 14th of March, so that we might play the four-way tie off and determine the team that would go to Frisco. I found Mr. Liston very difficult to deal with. But I will explain this detail to you later, in person. It would not have been impossible at all for Mr. Liston to have played his tournament games in the morning and afternoon and two games at night, both Monday and Tuesday nights, and they would have profited by the \$2,000 net take very definitely.

When Missouri withdrew from the tournament then the chiefest interest in the tournament would naturally be in Oklahoma. At our Kansas City meeting it was voted that the chairman would go to Oklahoma City and endeavor to make arrangements for the play-off down there. This thing was done, and on Tuesday night the chairman left for Oklahoma City and met Coaches Bruce Drake, of the University of Oklahoma, and Henry Iba, of Oklahoma A. & M., together with Mr. Tom Stidham, Athletic Director of the University of Oklahoma, and Mr. Bus Ham, sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman. It was arranged that the games would be played in the auditorium in Oklahoma City.

The drawings were made in Kansas City, Missouri, in the presence of all the committee members. The University of Oklahoma drew a bye and Drake and Oklahoma A. & M. are to play the first game on Monday night, March 13, in Oklahoma City. The winner of the Drake-Oklahoma A. & M. game on Monday night will play the University of Oklahoma on Tuesday night, March 14, to determine the winner and the representative of the Fifth District which will play in San Francisco on the 20th and 21st.

I have stressed that the winning team will furnish much added publicity together with some unusual snapshots, a great number of them, to Mr. John Burn immediately upon the completion of the tournament. We will have some flashlights and snapshots of the winners immediately after the game.

Very sincerely yours,

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Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 10, 1939

Mr. Ed C. Lytton, Business Manager,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Ed:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 9th instant.

I think I can appreciate your concern when you voiced your anxiety to me over the telephone Wednesday afternoon when I was in Oklahoma City. I assure you that I tried by every fair means to give everybody a square deal from beginning to end.

It was unfortunate that Missouri withdrew from the tournament. Our committee was faced with a very embarrassing situation, and when George Edwards, John Truesdale and C. E. McBride and myself met I felt that the disposition would be utterly unbiased and fair from every standpoint.

The committee acted upon the matter of the court being neutral, they passed upon game officials, admission prices, game ball, playing rules, and any other administrative affair not covered during the discussion at the time. Finally the drawings were made. Mr. Edwards suggested that since Mr. McBride was not a member of either conference that McBride draw. Mr. Edwards, the secretary, prepared the slips, placed them in the hat, and the chairman held the hat high above the table. Mr. McBride drew. On his first draw he drew a bye. On the second draw it was the University of Oklahoma. It was just the chance of the draw and it might have gone any other way, but I can understand how people not being at a meeting might wonder.

When I was asked to take the chairmanship of this Fifth District N.C.A.A. play-off I asked the basketball coaches and athletic directors of the Missouri Valley to nominate a man

as representative from their conference. They nominated Mr. Truesdale, and I appointed him. In conversing with Mr. Truesdale he informed me that it would be impossible for him to be in attendance at the Kansas City meeting. I called him by phone on Monday night and insisted that he attend the meeting by all means. I also insisted that Mr. Edwards and the other members of the committee all be present, which they were.

Our committee felt that they should nominate officials and they asked the cooperation of Mr. Truesdale in order to represent both conferences. The committee thought that they were picking officials that were fair, but the committee did give the chairman authority over anything not covered by their action, or if he should find them wholly unsatisfactory to any member of the group, to mediate the situation. That was exactly what I endeavored to do in your and Drake's behalf. I found to my great pleasure that Mr. Henry Iba and Mr. Bruce Drake were pleasingly cooperative and they showed a disposition to play the game one hundred per cent.

I again want to assure you of my desire to please, as I felt that I was representing the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and since your institution is a member along with all of ours on the committee, we should never at any time permit ourselves to be anything but servants of our group.

Thanking you for your good letter, and assuring you that I am happy indeed that you and your school are pleased over the outcome, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

March 10, 1939.

Mr. Jack North,
Sports Editor,
Des Moines Register and Tribune,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your note of the 9th instant. We will count on you being in Oklahoma City for the play-offs Monday and Tuesday night.

Parke Carroll wired me from Haines City, Florida, yesterday, saying he is there with the Blues. I have wired him, but am not sure just when he plans to get to Oklahoma City.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

WESTERN UNION

Haines City, Fla.

March 9, 1939.

Dr. F. C. Allen.

In Florida with Blues but can fly for basketball series. What allowance for fee and expenses ? Is series in Oklahoma City? Please wire. Regards.

Parke Carroll.

WESTERN UNION

Des Moines, Iowa
March 9, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Will be on hand to work in games Monday
and Tuesday.

Jack North.

Day letter

~~Direct wire.~~

March 15, 1939.

John W. Bunn, Dean of Men,
Stanford University, California.

University of Oklahoma Fifth District representative. Will you please
make hotel reservations San Francisco for Oklahoma and for me? Please
wire today straight wire Tom Stidham, athletic director, Norman, definite
financial set up. He desires this message from you. Am expecting to
make trip. Games played Oklahoma City. Good receipts. Letter follows.

Forrest C. Allen.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 15, 1939

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University,
California.

Dear Johnny:

Confirming my wire to you of even date:

"University of Oklahoma Fifth District representative. Will you please make hotel reservations San Francisco for Oklahoma and for me? Please wire today straight wire Tom Stidham, athletic director, Norman, definite financial set-up. He desires this message from you. Am expecting to make trip. Games played Oklahoma City. Good receipts. Letter follows."

I have just returned this noon from Oklahoma City where the tournament was held. I will not give you the details of the tournament in this letter because I have much rush material to get off, but will say that we had a fine crowd last night. The expense was rather heavy, but I think we made some money.

The Oklahoma Aggies defeated Drake University the first night, 28-15, and the University of Oklahoma defeated the Oklahoma Aggies 30-21 Tuesday night.

The Fifth District is paying my expenses to San Francisco. The reason I wrote you and Ole before was because I did not want to take anything for granted and I did not feel that I should ask the competing teams of the tournament to pay my expenses. However, the tournament participants down there insisted that by all means I should have my expenses to the tournament play. They finally broke down my sales resistance and I agreed to go, but I thought I should take it up with the general committee, so that accounts for my letter to you and Ole.

I heartily agree with your thought expressed that the logical thing would be to deduct the expenses from the net receipts of the tournament, but I did not of course want to promote

it since I was the individual concerned.

I am afraid that I am not going to get away very early. We have the School of Education party tonight, and tomorrow the Co-operative Club is giving a banquet to the basketball team. They will elect the honor captain at that meeting. Then on Friday evening the "K" Club is giving an honor dance to the basketball team and will crown the queen. So I have promised to at least make my bow at the dance. The way the schedule looks now the best I can do is to get in to San Francisco on Sunday morning. If you will kindly make reservations for me at the same hotel that Oklahoma is staying I will appreciate it. And if there are any rates to be had I would appreciate your making arrangements for me at the same rate so that we may spend no more of the tournament's money than is necessary.

I spoke to both Iba and Bruce Drake last night about your making arrangements, and they said they would be very happy for you to do it. This accounts for the request in my wire. I believe you can save a lot of money by dealing cooperatively.

I am glad that you feel the general committee should be in Chicago to study the tournament play. There are a good many things to be discussed and it will be a pleasure to talk over the tournament procedure. I think we have great possibilities and I am hopeful that the arrangements can be such that everybody will be entirely happy about it.

I, for one, do not believe that it would be too late even if you finished the national playoff by April first. I think Ole wanted to settle it as early as possible. Certainly I did not want you to construe any of my letters that I was dissatisfied with the date as arranged only as a representative of our Fifth District and as a member of the national committee I did not want to agree on a date that would prove to be a hardship in traveling from the mid-lands of the continent to the coast and then back to Chicago in such a short time. I felt that many of the teams would feel they were under a decided handicap as compared to the eastern winner.

In another day I will send you a copy of the official report that I have written Harold Olsen.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, Fifth District, N.C.A.A.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

March 9, 1939

Dr. F. C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc:"


Thank you very much for your letter of March 4. Under the plans which you are following to choose the 5th District representative it seems to me that you should have ample funds left over from expenses to handle the expenses of your trip to the Coast. It would seem to me that it would be logical for you to deduct your full expenses from the net receipts of the tournament in Kansas City. I hope that it does not come so close to the other college tournament that the attendance is affected.

If you do come to the Coast, I hope it will be possible for you to arrive at an early date. I would appreciate very much having some one here from the committee who can devote his full time to promotion work. I find it very difficult to get time from my new job to devote to athletic purposes.

I have recently talked to Olsen and I told him that I thought our general committee should study as much of the tournament play as possible. I also told him I felt that the whole committee should witness the play in Chicago. At that time we shall desire to review very carefully this whole tournament procedure. Our plans for the future will be affected very materially by our reaction to this present venture.

I shall await further information concerning your progress in the 5th District. Thank you for your letter and the enclosures. With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,


John Bunn
Dean of Men

March 16, 1939.

Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,
Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Bus:

I want to take this means of thanking you and your paper as well as your radio station for the fine build-up that they gave our Fifth District N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I know that if it had not been for you and your paper and your influence that we certainly would not have had that bumper crowd on Tuesday night.

I thought it was a grand game and had all the highlights of a contest between two great rivals. Hank's boys couldn't hit in the pinches nor could they throw free throws, but I have had similar experiences many times and there isn't anything you can do about it. I thought Oklahoma used their heads in fine style and Bruce Drake showed himself a fine strategist and a great sportsman.

Personally, I thought Parke Carroll did a beautiful job especially when he had to handle the critical points almost alone. There was no comparison in the quality of the officiating of the two men. Carroll was aggressive, fearless and clear-headed, while the other official was hesitant, lacked morale courage and seemed to wait for the reactions of the crowd to determine what he should do and when he should do it. Personally, I am very sorry that we ever agreed to him because I thought it was unfair.

Well, enough of that. But I am still outspoken enough for you to get what I mean.

It was good to have a friendly visit with you and Hank. I enjoyed those two days with you very much and I further appreciate the fine things that you did in behalf of our Fifth District N.C.A.A. basketball tournament.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 16, 1939.

Mr. Parke Carroll,
Sports Editor, Kansas City Journal,
Haines City, Florida.

Dear Parke:

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to visit with you longer at Oklahoma City. Bus Ham tried to get in touch with you a couple of times so we could have a game of golf together. On Monday Bus, Henry Iba and I played nine holes. We tried to get in touch with you, but missed you. Then on Tuesday we planned to play again but the sand storm came up and it turned cool so we called it off.

I got your note together with your expense account and I want you to know that personally I very much appreciate your very generous attitude in offering to waive your fee due to the fine interest that you had in the N.C.A.A. tournament. I want you to know that while that is appreciated, I would not for a moment think of accepting your generous offer. Therefore, when I left I instructed Earl Jones to have a voucher made out to you for your expenses plus the \$40.00 for your fee for the two evenings.

Certainly a fellow that would go to the hardships that you did to make connections should not be penalized because he is interested in seeing a project like this succeed. We made money, and since all expense for everybody else, including any honorarium or fee, was paid I certainly would not think of you not receiving your fee. So it is with my thanks to you for your exceptional work under very difficult circumstances that I am insisting that you have your expenses plus your fee.

I have never been too lavish in my praise of an official because I have always felt that when a coach was less fulsome in his praise at the next game the arbiter might officiate, then the official would wonder why the praise was not forthcoming at the next game. But I do want to say that you did a most splendid job and handled the game when you did not have the support that you should have had at a critical juncture. Your work was so outstanding by comparison that it was not difficult for an observer who was not intensely interested to easily detect that high quality.

Upon your return to Kansas City I will be very happy to talk with you about the proposition that you mentioned in your letter.

There is one additional matter that I would like to speak to you about when we meet.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 16, 1939.

Mr. E. O. Williams,
Athletic Director,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Bill:

I want you to know how very much I enjoyed my opportunity to have a few frequent visits with you while we were in Oklahoma City during the Fifth District N.C.A.A. play-off.

I was sorry that the floor was so slick for your boys that they did not have an opportunity to show their stuff. I think you have a swell bunch of fellows and I know how much you enjoy working with them.

Everything went fine with me, with one exception. I had arranged to hold the train until 10:15 and I saw your boys going over while I was going to the hotel to pack my grip. I had the night clerk phone the depot agent over there and tell him that everybody was going over there except me and that I had to settle some bills preliminary to catching the train and that I would be there at 10:15 and not before. I asked him to hold the train until that time. They said that they would do so, but when you and your boys went over the fellow there on the platform said he asked you if everybody was here and you said O.K. and they pulled out just as I was going into the depot.

You can imagine that I had some words to say to the gentleman because I had my whole morning napped out here at the University in the way of work and had classes that I counted on meeting. It was just one of those tough breaks for me, who engineered the holding of the train, and then I fried in my own fat. I went on back to the hotel and slept until 3:30, then got up and caught a 4 o'clock train to Wichita, changed there at 8 o'clock, and got in here at noon.

Even at that I shouldn't kick because all in all it was a very pleasant trip and we do have bad breaks occasionally.

With lots of good luck to you in the future, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 17, 1939.

Mr. Jim Bell,
University Daily Kansan.

Dear Jim:

You write this stuff like you got it from me in conversation. I wouldn't want it printed as if it was a letter.

The Fifth District National Collegiate Athletic Association championship basketball was decided before a hilarious crowd of 5,000 Oklahoma Sooners and Oklahoma Aggie Wildcats at the Oklahoma City auditorium Tuesday night, March 14. On Monday night the Aggies had defeated Drake in a one-sided contest. Drake and the Aggies had wound up the Missouri Valley season as co-champions of their conference.

Coach Bruce Drake's Sooners showed a marked superiority in the last half over Henry Iba's clever basketeers. Two contrasting types of balls were used in the final play-off game. Big Six games have been played with sewed seam basketballs, while the Missouri Valley conference teams have used a moulded type of ball. The championship committee decided that both types of balls be used in the play-off games, each ball being used for a half. The choice of which half either type was to be used belonged to the team winning the toss of a coin. Bruce Drake won the toss and elected to play with the Big Six ball the first half.

Iba told me previous to the game that if he won the toss he would play with the moulded ball the second half. So it turned out that both coaches got exactly what each desired.

The moulded type of ball uses 7 pounds of pressure and the resiliency bounce of the moulded type ball is 4 feet 6 inches when the ball is dropped from a height of 6 feet. On the other hand, it is necessary to inflate the sewed seam basketball to a pressure of 13 pounds to get the same resiliency. The moulded ball is very slick and difficult to handle when wet with the perspiration of the players, while the sewed seam basketball is made of natural leather and absorbs perspiration readily. So there ^{was} much speculation as to the outcome of the game depending upon the toss of the coin. As it turned out, Oklahoma outplayed the Aggies by a greater margin with the moulded ball than with the sewed seam ball.

This may seem like a trivial point, but it affected the players of both teams more visibly than any other single item.

The officials were Parke Carroll, of the Kansas City Journal, and Jack North, of the Des Moines Register.

The prices were \$1.68 top price and 40¢ for the upper balcony. The attendance was nearly 5,000 and the income averaged \$1.00 per head, making a total of \$5,000 income the second night and \$600 the first night. This play-off tournament made money for the three participating teams and also for the N.C.A.A., the governing body.

The basketball committee of the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. is: C. E. McBride, of the Kansas City Star, George R. Edwards, of the University of Missouri, John C. Truesdale, of Grinnell College, and Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas, chairman.

The University of Oklahoma is now on its way to San Francisco where they play with the district winners - University of Texas, of the 6th district, Utah State College, of the 7th district, and the winner of the California-Oregon game which is decided tonight for the Pacific Coast championship, the 8th district. Entire expenses are paid for 15 men, including the coach, of all these district winners.

The winner of these four districts, which will be decided on Monday and Tuesday nights, March 20 and 21, will meet the winner of the four eastern districts, 1-2-3-4, east of the Mississippi River. These eastern districts will play at the University of Pennsylvania palestra in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday nights, March 17 and 18. Then the national championship will be determined between the first place winners of these two districts, the game to be played at Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, on Monday night, March 27.

This will be the first time in the history of basketball that a national collegiate championship has been determined. This tournament is the only tournament that has the sanction of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This basketball tournament is comparable to the National Collegiate Track Meet which is held annually under the auspices of the N.C.A.A. There is no other national basketball tournament in the United States that is a bona fide college tournament administered by collegiate authorities. President Owens of Stanford University, together with Major Griffith, Director L. W. St. John of Ohio State, and other officials of the N.C.A.A. set up the tournament plans last December at their meeting in Chicago. It was then approved by all the conferences in the United States, including the Big Six and the Missouri Valley conferences, and in a few years basketball will gain the recognition that the other major sports have gained, and in addition it will be benefited by the supervision of this parent body.

It is not an idea of this N.C.A.A. that nomads will be made out of the basketball players. Rather, a legitimate champion will be crowned each year and upon the next occasion of the Olympics where basketball will be played the N.C.A.A. will present a basketball team

to challenge the A.A.U. for their leadership in the United States, and the right of the United States to be represented in the Olympics by the N.C.A.A. participation. In other words, the colleges will pick an Olympic team from the N.C.A.A. It may not be a single team, but it will be the all-stars of the colleges of the United States and they will play the all-stars of the A.A.U. for their right to represent America in the Olympic Games. Had the Games been held in Tokio, Japan, basketball would have a place, but since they have been transferred to Stockholm basketball will not be one of the participating sports. But in 1944 it is the aim of the colleges of America to challenge for a right to Olympic representation.

John W. Bunn, of Stanford University, an old Kansas player and coach, is in general charge of the play-off tournament at San Francisco. I will assist him and am leaving tonight at 11:10 on the Union Pacific, arriving in San Francisco Monday morning, March 20. June Salmon, of Princeton University, a member of the national executive N.C.A.A. basketball committee, will supervise the eastern play-off at Philadelphia, assisted by S. Jamieson Schwartz, of the University of Pennsylvania.

The five members of the executive committee for N.C.A.A. basketball are H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, chairman, June Salmon, of Princeton University, W. S. Chandler, of Marquette University, president of the National Basketball Coaches Association, John W. Bunn, and Forrest C. Allen.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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