

February 15, 1939.

Mr. John Bunn, Dean of Men;
Stanford University,
Palo Alto, California.

Dear John:

I have had another letter from Harold Olsen, chairman of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee, saying that the date for the Chicago play-off will be perhaps March 25.

John, I am wondering if you wouldn't agree with me that the winners of Districts 5, 6 and 7, being forced to travel from their home vicinities to San Francisco, are entitled to at least two extra days in recovering from their return trip to play the eastern team. Should the Coast team win the play-off they would be traveling but one way across the continent, whereas should the representatives of Districts 5, 6 and 7 win it they would be doing double traveling duty. For that reason I feel that it is hardly fair to put the tournament off so late as many of the teams' playing seasons are over, and then crowd the semi-final and final dates together, long before the teams have recuperated.

I feel that there will be much dissatisfaction when the district chairmen learn of the dates. I am wondering if these various chairmen have been notified of the eventuality. There is enough basketball interest in the country to justify playing the game even after March 27. You know the World Series is played late after the baseball season is over, and so are all star games in football. Why wouldn't it follow that basketball games would still carry the interest in the play-off a few days later?

I would much rather bring these questions up now than to say nothing about it and then get much criticism simply because we had overlooked this important matter.

Trusting that you will give this your careful consideration, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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