

February 15, 1939.

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

Dear Ole:

You know, Harold, I think that the fair thing would be to ask the various chairmen of Districts 5, 6 and 7 to vote on the 25th or 27th date.

You can see that these district winners are going to be forced to travel to San Francisco and then the winner of the play-off will again be forced to travel back to Chicago. This is double the lot that is being put on the District 8 winner. Those fellows out there will be rested, with no strain on them whatsoever and all they will have to do is travel to Chicago.

I feel it is utterly unfair to these three districts to permit District 8 the final determination in the choice of dates. I can remember very well when Chicago and Princeton played for the national title (so-called) several years ago when Pat Page and Johnny Schummer were playing with Chicago. I think the games were played the first part of April. I do not think that March 27 would be a bit too late. In fact, a game of this kind could still stand several days later and not detract from the national importance of the event.

I would be very happy if you would take the chairmen of these different districts into your confidence and see what they think about it. I have not communicated with any of them, but I am sure that we will be in for a lot of criticism by letting District 8 determine a policy of this kind. I am speaking very plainly on these matters because I would rather say them now than to hear it later from these people who cannot help but be dissatisfied. Remember, it was the 8th district that required this late date. Now I do not feel that we should postpone the dates so late to benefit the 8th district and then rush it through to the detriment of all the others. I have always believed that the greatest good for the greatest number is the best motto.