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Lawrence, Kansas
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Members of 5th District H.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee:

Dear Friends:

The chairman wishes to report that we arrived in Oklahoma City and held a conference early Wednesday morning with Mr. Tom Stidham, Director of Athletics of the University of Oklahoma; Mr. Henry Iba, Director of Athletics of Oklahoma A. & M. College, and Basketball Coach; Mr. Bruce Drake, Basketball Coach of the University of Oklahoma; Mr. Gus Ham, sports editor of the Daily Oklahoman; and Mr. H. A. Dolman, assistant to Athletic Director Iba.

It was arranged that we would play Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14. Mr. Ed Lytton, the manager of athletics at Drake University, protested strongly against playing on the 13th and 14th. He desired to play on Saturday, the 11th and Monday, the 13th, but we received a protest from Mr. Lee K. Anderson, executive secretary of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association, that the Saturday night date would interfere very definitely with their high school regional basketball meeting that was being held in Oklahoma City finishing Saturday night, the 11th.

Coach Iba objected to playing on the 11th because Mr. Harvey Glade, his star forward, is convalescing in an Omaha hospital but will be released from the hospital by Saturday, and Mr. Iba is confident will be able to play Monday. These objections were carefully weighed by the entire group who all seemed to be very fair and cooperative. After talking with Mr. Lytton several times over the phone and presenting all sides to him, the chairman felt that it was impossible to play on Saturday night and not incur the displeasure of the high school people.