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Mr. Henry Iba,  
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Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I did not get to see you after the game because I was seated upon the stage, and when I got through the crowd you had gone. I looked for you to extend commiserations. It was a tough ball game to lose, but your boys just couldn't hit those free throws and some of their shots. Then I had to rush on to make the settlement for the officials and by the time I got to the hotel I packed my grip and had the night clerk phone the depot agent at the Santa Fe to tell him I would be over at 10:15 and not to pull out until then.

Instead of the agent communicating with the fellow that was sending the train away, he apparently just sat on his haunches and when Bill Williams came through with his Drake team the fellow on the platform asked if that was all of them, and Bill Williams said it was, so he signalled the train to leave at eleven minutes after ten, instead of 10:15 the time they had agreed to hold the train.

You can imagine my chagrin in rushing down there expecting to catch the train to get home at 6:30 in the morning, to find that the train had pulled out and I was forced to go back to bed and sleep until about 4 o'clock and catch a train to Wichita, change there at 8 o'clock and arrive in Lawrence at noon. I was certainly peeved. I didn't get in to Lawrence to meet my classes the next morning as I had expected.

Anyhow, I want you to know it was a pleasure to spent two days visiting with you when we could play golf and sit around and discuss matters that were for the better interests of basketball.

You have a fine ball club, Hank, and a fine group of fellows. I know some of them do not come up to your expectations, but that is true with all teams and certainly they couldn't hit at critical moments after the first few minutes of the ball game. That Indian boy of yours, Doyle, and Slade and Scheffler are a grand bunch of kids. They are all competitors. But the brightest spot is that you have a group coming on and while they are not ready yet, they will be tough competition for anybody's ball club next year.