

Now, if we could sell McBride on the idea that Kansas City could obtain the semi-finals and at least would be a candidate for the final play-off.

I think your letter that you have written is a swell set up and I am glad that you suggested that we include George Edwards in the consideration of a member for the committee from this district. This is what I had hoped you would say. I think he is an especially safe and valuable man because he has had long years of service here, and in my opinion is one of the finest gentlemen that I know. He is very dependable and he is interested in the thing that we both are interested in, namely to keep college basketball on a very high plane and to boost the game as a durable entertainment for high class patrons. He is an educator in fact, and not in theory. You can count on my desiring him on the committee that I would want to work with.

I prefer McBride to any man so far as the newspaper man is concerned. I, of course, would want you to mention Des Moines, Oklahoma City, Denver, or any other big town where you think these cities might compete with Kansas City as a drawing card in high grade intercollegiate basketball.

By the way, did you notice that these people had advertised the trophy as the "Dr. James Naismith Memorial Trophy"? That is a misrepresentation because Dr. Naismith gave this trophy in the name of his deceased wife and it is known as the "Maud Naismith Memorial Trophy". I think that is one of the most unfair things for them to do, especially since Dr. Naismith with his own money contributed this trophy. Somebody should call Dr. Naismith's attention to this.

I shall expect to hear from you at the earliest possible moment, when I will then make it a point to see McBride at once augmented and fortified by your letter. I want him if I can get him.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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