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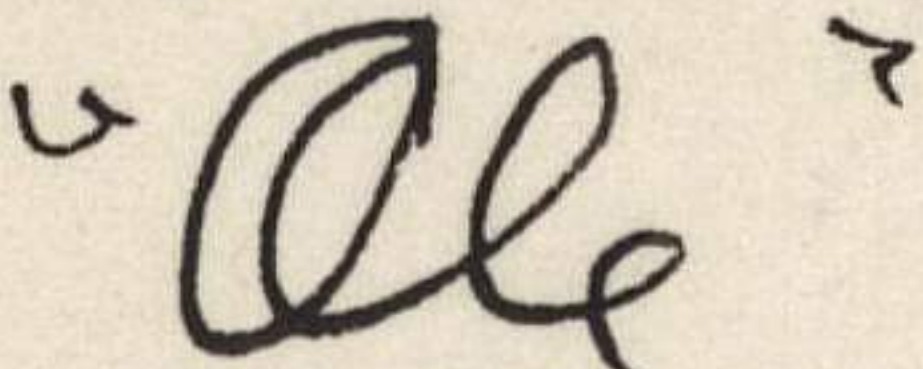
Basketball Tournament set-up for 1939, which, as I understand it, briefly, was that we were to have a representative from each of the N.C.A.A. districts, selected either arbitrarily by a selection committee or in some other manner. Then the four teams representing the district East of the Mississippi would have a four team tournament and the four districts West of the Mississippi would also hold a four team tournament - the winner to play a final game for the National Collegiate title. That was the proposal as we have talked about it - John Bunn and some of the rest of them at Chicago. We thought this was a plan that might possibly get by the objections which some of the conferences, such as the Big Ten, the Big Six, etc., would have to an extended post-season basketball play.

Another matter - it seems to me that the committee which we should ask the N.C.A.A. to appoint, should have a fairly large membership and my thought was that if our committee of three, plus a representative from each of the eight N.C.A.A. districts were appointed that that would be about the right size. In talking the matter over with Chandler, his idea was briefly this:

- District #8 - Someone who John could suggest, perhaps Fred Bohler.
- District #7 - L. Mahony, University of Denver
- District #6 - St. Clair, Southern Methodist
- District #5 - Geo. Edwards, University of Missouri
- District #4 - W. S. Chandler, Marquette Univ.
- District #3 - Parker, Centenary College (now a member of the Rules Committee)
- District #2 - Possibly H. Jamison Swarts of Pennsylvania, or perhaps the coach at Temple, or maybe the coach at New York University.
- District #1 - Wes Fesler, Harvard (his contact and connections with Bill Bingham, who is a power in the N.C.A.A., might be of considerable value.)

I wish you would write me at your earliest opportunity, telling me whether you think the idea of the tournament for 1939, as expressed above is o.k. to present to the N.C.A.A. Also, whether you think this idea of a committee as suggested is o.k. If either of these suggestions have any "bugs" in them, I would like to have you say so. At any rate, we ought to agree, as a committee, at the earliest possible time, so as to get our proposal definitely before the N.C.A.A.

Very sincerely yours,


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