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October 31, 1938.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,  
Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

I have had a feeling that you were to write me more about the plans for the National Basketball Tournament, and I have been hearing from various sources that plans are being made.

What's doing, Ole?

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

November 18, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

Endeavoring to answer your questions in your letter of November 16: First, it seems to me that our only sensible plan of procedure here is to include only N.C.A.A. teams in this tournament. Doesn't that automatically mean that we are not having any teams that do not observe the freshman rule? Inasmuch as the basketball coaches association was the instigator of this idea and inasmuch as the N.C.A.A. is getting behind it, it seems to me we ought to adhere to the N.C.A.A. participation throughout. Therefore, we should eliminate entirely the teams that do not observe the freshman rule - I believe that will be the consensus of opinion.

Secondly, your suggestion that the idea of selection arbitrarily on the basis of record and personal observation might be somewhat difficult - that is, of course, true but even if you were to hold an elimination tournament, let us say in your section, you would run into some of the same difficulties, because in order to get your teams into this tournament for your district you are going to have to make selections of some kind before the tournament is played. So you will probably run into some difficulty there.

With regard to your observation regarding McBride, I certainly feel that if we can have Mr. McBride on this committee that would be ideal. Unquestionably, he is an outstanding figure there and to have him on the committee and to give his support would be a fine move. Why not go ahead right away to see if you can't sign him up as a member of your selection committee, especially since (to answer another question of yours) I have a feeling that the best place to hold this play-off between the representatives of districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 is Kansas City. I believe that if we can get men like McBride on the committees over the country that this tournament will receive a lot of fine support in the newspapers and that we will be able to put across this tournament over and above such attempts as are being made by fellows like Emil Liston of Baker University. So I very much hope you will go after McBride right away. If you wish, I will be glad to write him to add my invitation to yours if you think that desirable.

As to the third member of your committee, I am sure you would have a better idea as to who should be appointed there than I would, but



F.C.A. #2

November 18, 1938

I hope you can arrive at some decision very soon so that we can announce the final set up.

In your talking or writing to McBride, I wonder if you would get from him his idea about holding the tournament for districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Kansas City.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

*"Ole"*

H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

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Special Delivery



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Lawrence, Kansas  
November 22, 1938.

Mr. H. G. Olsen,  
Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Ole:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 18th. I am perfectly willing to accept the chairmanship of the committee of this district.

I have not been able to see Mr. McBride, and had planned to see him this week, but it is impossible now. He is doing a lot of heavy writing for his paper, and I deem that it is not the right time to present the proposition asking him to accept a place on this board without a personal conference.

I am enclosing a placard which advertises the National Intercollegiate Basketball Championship Tournament. I thought it might be interesting to you to see that Frosty Cox, Henry Iba and Dutch Lonborg and Adolph Rupp are listed as some of the first aides of this promotion.

This is the thing I want to say to you. Mr. McBride has been very friendly in aiding in the promotion of this tournament. Personally, I am just a little afraid at this time to go to him and ask him for the dates of March 5, 6, 7 and 8. The management of the sports committee at Convention Hall is George Goldman, and if this committee conducted their tournament the 13 to 18, they could shut us out entirely.

I am not now able to give you the names of the members of our committee if Mr. McBride will not accept. As I take it, if we present this to Mr. McBride he will immediately say that our dates coming before this tournament would kill this March 13-18 tournament, and I am afraid of his reaction. One thing is sure - we cannot put this over in Kansas City without Mr. McBride's support.

I regret that the holding of this matter in abeyance will delay your announcing the final set up, but it was my understanding that you had had this general meeting several months ago, and I waited for quite some time to hear. Having heard from other sources, and not



having heard from you, I thought I had better write. Had I known this earlier I could have been in position to approach Mr. McBride at a much more opportune time than conditions present themselves now.

I still would like to have your suggestion regarding the men you consider from this district most valuable. Will you favor me with your best counsel on this point at your earliest convenience?

Very cordially yours,

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Chairman, Fifth District,  
N.C.A.A.



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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, Director

November 29, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Director of Physical Education  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":

I expect you will begin to get tired of having me "push on the lines" so much with respect to the selection committee from your district, but we have the committees set up all over the country except for yours and that is why I am so anxious to get some final word as soon as possible.

I am glad you feel that George Edwards would be a good member of this committee, I also have a very high regard for him.

With respect to the third member of your committee, I very much hope you can persuade Mr. McBride to accept. I don't know Mr. McBride very well although I believe I have met him on some occasion or another, but I do know he stands very high with everybody who does know him and it seems to me if we could get him to help us in this project that it would be a very fine thing for our tournament and for Kansas City.

In talking to him you might point out what I think are very obvious advantages to Kansas City should we be able to put on our four team tournament from the districts West of the Mississippi and perhaps the final game which in turn would probably mean the designation of Kansas City for the meeting place of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Of course there are other places such as Denver, Des Moines, etc., where these play-offs could be held but I feel that Kansas City, if we have the proper set-up backing, would be the ideal place for both the four team play-off and the final game, as well as our convention of basketball coaches.

I certainly hope you can see Mr. McBride without any delay and am also hopeful he will be able to see that this tournament, with the official backing of the N.C.A.A., would be a fine thing for him to support.

Please let me know just as soon as you possibly can.

Very sincerely yours,

*H. G.*

H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

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# National Collegiate Group Announces Eight Dis- tricts to Try

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## A POST-SEASON SERIES

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### One Team From Each Dis- trict to Be Named for the Big Test

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Columbus, O., Dec. 14. (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic association's plan to select America's first undisputed college basketball champion advanced a step today as H. G. Olsen, Ohio State University's cage coach, named eight district committees which will select one entrant each for the post-season title series.

Dates and sites for the games have not been determined, Olsen said, but he indicated the four-team clash east of the Mississippi would be held March 10-11 or March 17-18 at New York or Philadelphia, with the western teams meeting the same dates at Kansas City, Denver or Los Angeles. Winners of the sectional frays will meet the following week for the crown.

Of the 205 teams affiliated with the N. C. A. A., one from each district is eligible to play in the post-season series. Districts may hold playoffs to name their entrant, Olsen said but such play-offs are not "necessary or desirable."

#### The Committees

The district committees, with the eligible teams and the states included in their area, are:

No. 1—(26 teams, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut) Wesley Fesler of Harvard, chairman; Sumner Dole, Connecticut State college; Osborne G. Cowles, Dartmouth.

No. 2—(47 teams, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia) William M. Barber, New York, chairman; Everett Morris, New York Herald Tribune; H. James Swarts, U. of Pennsylvania.



No. 3—(43 teams, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia and Florida) Curtis Parker, Centenary college, chairman; Kenneth Gregory, Atlanta, Ga.; Roy M. Mundorff, Georgia School of Technology.

No. 4—(34 teams, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) Dr. Walter E. Meanwell, Madison, Wis., chairman; Paul D. Hinkle, Butler university; Arthur C. Lonborg, Northwestern university.

#### Dr. Allen Heads District

No. 5—(22 teams, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma)—Forest C. Allen, University of Kansas, chairman; Clyde E. McBride, Kansas City, Mo.; George R. Edwards, University of Missouri; John C. Truesdale, Grinnell college.

No. 6—(7 teams, Texas, Arizona and Arkansas)—James W. St. Clair, Southern Methodist, chairman; D. X. Bible, University of Texas; George White, Dallas News.

No. 7—(6 teams, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Montana) — W. A. Witte, University of Wyoming, chairman; Vadal Peterson, University of Utah; Louise H. Mahoney, University of Denver.

No. 3—(10 teams, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada)—John W. Bunn, Stanford university, chairman. Others to be selected.

The general committee includes Olsen, Ohio State, chairman; H. H. Salmon, Jr., New York City; W. S. Chandler, Marquette university; John Bunn, Stanford university, and Dr. F. C. Allen, University of Kansas.



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December 17, 1938.

Mr. Artie Eilers,  
Washington University,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Artie:

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of  
Dr. Ewerhardt's letter. I think this is very fine,  
and will, of course, keep it confidential.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.



Creighton University  
Drake University  
Grinnell College

Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College  
St. Louis University

Tulsa University  
Washburn College  
Washington University

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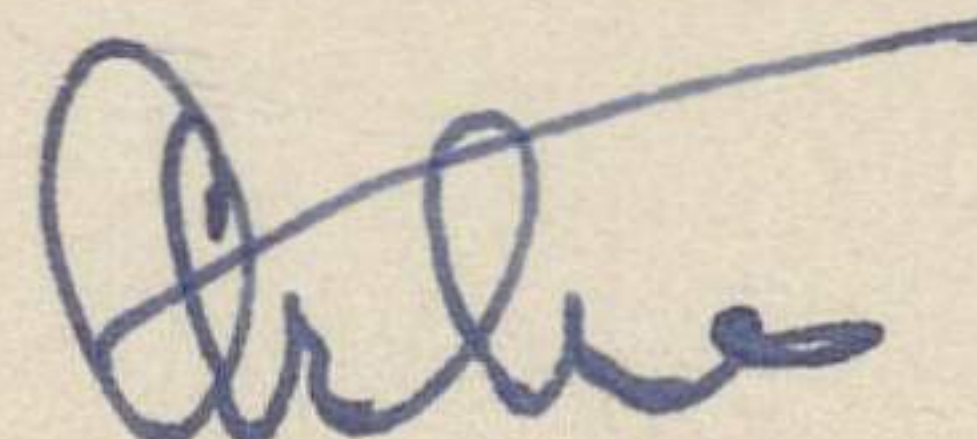
Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog":-

Just recently, Dr. Ewerhardt received a letter from President Owens stressing the point that institutions holding membership in the NCAA should lend their entire support to the NCAA basketball tournament, and asked Dr. Ewerhardt to write each member in the Fifth District accordingly.

Thought you would be interested in receiving a copy of the letter sent out by Dr. Ewerhardt.

With kind personal regards



A. E. Eilers  
Executive Secretary

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Washington University  
December 8, 1938

Mr. Claude E. Reeds  
Director of Athletics  
Central State Teachers  
Edmond, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Reeds:-

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is organizing a basketball tournament to be held at the conclusion of the 1938-39 season. This tournament, organized at the suggestion of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, is to be the only official National Collegiate Basketball Tournament. Mr. H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, is the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, and Forrest C. Allen, of the University of Kansas, is the Chairman for the Fifth District. They are very anxious that all member schools cooperate fully. Further communication in regard to the plans for the holding of this tournament and possibly qualifying tournaments in the various districts will be sent to you very shortly.

Your active support is needed in order that the development of so-called national tournaments by non-collegiate interests be retarded. There has been a growing tendency toward the promotion of this type of tournament, sometimes under the guise of charity and sometimes, apparently, for private gain of promoters. As an example, may I cite, that in our district during the last two years, groups of private individuals, not officially associated with our Universities, promoted a tournament calling it the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament.

Naturally, since the N.C.A.A. is sponsoring their own official tournament, we members of the Fifth District should give it our unlimited support to the exclusion of any other national tournament. It seems to me that it is not out of order to suggest to all members of the N.C.A.A., who last year lent their support to the National Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament, to transfer their allegiance to our own National Collegiate Basketball Tournament.

Yours very truly,

F. H. Ewerhardt

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5th dist.*



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BULLETIN NO. 3


SUBJECT: National Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
Basketball Tournament

The date for the final game in the N.C.A.A. Tournament has been changed from Saturday, March 25 to Monday, March 27, but will be held in the place previously announced, that is, at the Northwestern University Gymnasium. This change was made because of the fact that the 25th date interfered with the big indoor track meet which is sponsored by the Chicago Daily News. Then, too, it appears that the other papers in Chicago will find themselves in better position to give us a "break" on publicity if we hold it on the 27th rather than on the 25th.

Please consider this the final word on the date and place for the championship game.

If you have any information which can be used for publicity release from my office, I would appreciate your sending it on at your earliest convenience. We must start a campaign to make the public a little bit "national intercollegiate tournament conscious".

Very sincerely yours,



H. G. Olsen  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
L. W. ST. JOHN, *Director*

February 1, 1939

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Phog!"

I am enclosing the first release of information regarding the N.C.A.A. Tournament, since we finally have the Eastern play-off, the Western play-off and the final game set. You will notice there is a sheet of general information and also several sheets for use in your district. We have endeavored to give you definite information as to the territory which your district covers, together with the N.C.A.A. schools in your district. If you should find any discrepancy in this list, I wish you would let me know at once so I may get the matter straightened out. We don't want to overlook anybody and the list as I have given it to you is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am, however, making a check with Dean Nicolson, the Secretary of the N.C.A.A., to make sure that it is correct with respect to his records.

I think now that the play-offs and the final game have been definitely set, we should get busy in each district in the matter of talking about the tournament, getting as many people as possible interested in the ideas of this tournament, which is to decide as best we may the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship. I think it is incumbent upon each member of the committee to spread the word wherever possible that this is not a "National Intercollegiate Championship" sponsored by the N.C.A.A., but rather a tournament run by the N.C.A.A. for its membership only. I am sure you get the distinction. Obviously, there are a number of schools with good basketball teams who are not members of the N.C.A.A., but we are not interested in them in connection with our tournament. We are not competing with such other tournaments as may be run throughout the country; we are simply trying to put over in the best possible manner this N.C.A.A. tournament, but I think it should be rather clear to everybody that if we do a good job, this tournament will be the outstanding basketball tournament in the country.

I think I see a fine opportunity for building up a lot of interest in this tournament through the work of committee men in each district. As the season goes along and various teams begin to "stick their heads up", they ought to be singled out as potential representatives from that district. I think in this way we can build up a good deal of interest as the teams "come down the stretch" in each of our eight districts.

Please bear in mind that because of the very general objection to any amount of post-season play we want, if possible, to select the best team in each district without any play-offs. If, however, you find it impossible to make a final selection, as between two teams, let us say, and you find that these teams are willing to play off to see who will represent the district, then I can see no objection to such a procedure.

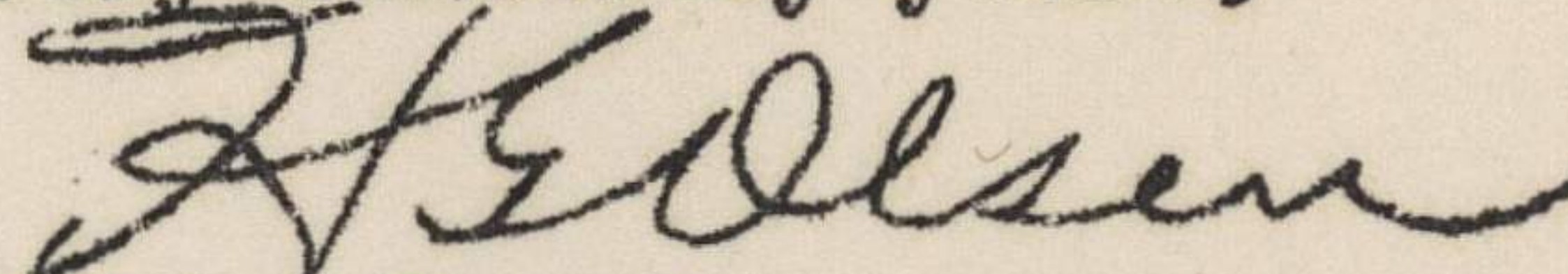


February 1, 1939

Please do everything you can in your district to get information regarding the tournament into the press. As we come closer and closer to the Eastern and Western play-offs, we must depend on the committee men from each district to get good information regarding the most impressive teams, together with good pictures, etc., to send on to Mr. Swarts at the University of Pennsylvania and to John Bunn at Stanford University. These men will find their job much easier and will make much more of a success of these play-offs if you can get good information and good pictures to them considerably ahead of the play-off dates.

I would appreciate very much having the chairman of each district keep me informed as to the progress of affairs in his charge. If there is anything we can do to help you in your work, please call on us.

Very sincerely yours,



H. G. Olson  
Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball  
Tournament Committee

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BULLETIN NO. 1

SUBJECT-National Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
Basketball Tournament.

The NCAA for the first time is conducting its own basketball tournament this year. This tournament is not to be confused with any other national tournament inasmuch as only members of the NCAA are eligible for competition.

The NCAA is divided into eight districts, four east of the Mississippi River and four west of the river. Districts ONE, TWO, THREE and FOUR comprise the Eastern section while Districts FIVE, Six, SEVEN and EIGHT go to make up the Western section.

A selection committee has already been named for each of the eight districts. This committee, on basis of season record, will select the outstanding team in its district to play in the Sectional tournament with the two sectional winners meeting a week later for the NCAA championship.

THE EASTERN SECTIONAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING TEAM IN DISTRICTS ONE, TWO, THREE AND FOUR WILL BE HELD AT THE PALESTRA IN PHILADELPHIA ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MARCH 17 AND 18 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF H. JAMISON SCHWARTZ OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE WESTERN SECTIONAL WITH THE OUTSTANDING TEAMS IN DISTRICTS FIVE, SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT WILL BE HELD AT THE GOLDEN GATE EXPOSITION GROUNDS, SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY AND TUESDAY MARCH 20 AND 21 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF JOHN BUNN OF STANFORD.

The selection of the teams playing in these sectional meets, of a necessity, must be postponed until late in the regular playing season. However, most sports writers will be able within the next week or so to tell pretty well which team in their respective district is outstanding.

THE WINNERS IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SECTIONAL WILL MEET FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP THE NIGHT OF MARCH 25 AT NORTH-WESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL. THE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF WILL BE IN CHARGE OF A.C. (DUTCH) LONBORG.

The General Committee in charge of the tournament is composed of H.G. Olsen, Ohio State University, Columbus, O., chairman; H.H. Salmon, Jr., 40 Wall-St., New York City; W.F. Chandler, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., and John Bunn of Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

For any additional information write or wire any of the above.

Herewith is a list of states and NCAA schools in your district also members of the Selection Committee for the district:



DISTRICT FIVE

Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma

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| Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa                            | University of Wichita, Wichita, Kans. |
| Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa                          | Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas      |
| Croighton University, Omaha, Neb.                          | Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. |
| Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa                         |                                       |
| Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa                           |                                       |
| Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa                             |                                       |
| Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Rapids,<br>Iowa         |                                       |
| Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas                    |                                       |
| Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater,<br>Okla.           |                                       |
| St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.                       |                                       |
| Southwestern State Teachers College,<br>Weatherford, Okla. |                                       |
| State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa                  |                                       |
| University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas                     |                                       |
| University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.                      |                                       |
| University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.                     |                                       |
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State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas  
University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebr.  
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks,  
N.D.  
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.

University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla.  
University of Wichita, Wichita, Kans.  
Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas  
Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.



H. G. Olsen,  
Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Have just called McBride and asked him to attempt to procure Municipal Auditorium for March 10 and 11. Liston's tournament is from 13th to 18th. Also asked him to negotiate for March 24 and 25 in case semi-finals or finals should be those dates in Kansas City. Many dates for large auditoria are closed eight months in advance, so hasty preparations should be begun for dates in case tournaments are held in any other cities. Am sure March 3 and 4 too early.

Forrest C. Allen.



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THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA  
Department of Athletics

December 2, 1938.

Dr. F. C. Allen  
Head Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

The possibility of the National Collegiate Athletic Association sponsoring an intercollegiate tournament has been brought to my attention.

Since you are Chairman of the committee which represents our district, we want you to know that we are greatly in favor of such an intercollegiate tournament and wish to suggest that Kansas City would be a most suitable place.

Mr. C. E. McBride of the Kansas City Star has always been most active in basketball in this area and would unquestionably be the most logical choice to serve on the committee representing our district. Inasmuch as this matter is more or less in your hands now, I should like to urge that you let Mr. McBride know how he could help the intercollegiate basketball in this district and insist on his serving on the committee to regulate and provide for an intercollegiate play-off in Kansas City.

It is certain that such a tournament would be of great value to the schools in our district and should not conflict with the present tournament which does not confine its participation to schools operating under the freshman rule.

If we may be of any service in this connection, we should be most happy to have you let us know.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) E. S. HICKEY

Business Manager,  
Basketball Coach.



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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
LINCOLN

December 5, 1938

Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
Basketball Coach  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

In view of the discussions we had at our meeting in Kansas City last week-end, concerning the plans of the N.C.A.A. to sponsor a national basketball tournament in the future, and the necessity of appointing a committee at an early date to start the ball rolling to organize a 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th district, I have the following to suggest from my point of view:

Kansas City to me is the most logical sight for the location of this tournament, and should be the hub around which could be made the center of basketball interest in the collegiate world.

In order to make this movement a success, it is necessary to have a personnel on your committee that can command the interest and attention of the basketball public in and around Kansas City. The most important person seems to me to be Mr. C. E. McBride of the Kansas City Star. I think he should by all means be a member of the executive committee of the 5th district, and I suggest that you solicit his cooperation and willingness to serve on this committee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED)

W. H. BROWNE

Head Basketball Coach.



Lawrence, Kansas,  
December 6, 1938.

Mr. E. S. Hickey, Coach,  
Creighton University,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Coach Hickey:

Thank you for your kind letter of the 2nd instant suggesting Kansas City as the most logical place for the tournament, and Mr. C. E. McBride as a member of our committee.

I did not want to keep Mr. H. G. Olson, of Ohio State University, waiting any longer so yesterday I went in to see Mr. McBride without the letters. I am very happy to say that he accepted a place on the committee.

Thank you very much for your letter. I have sent it on to Mr. McBride so that he can see the high esteem in which you hold him.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

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



December 6, 1938.

Mr. C. E. McBride,  
The Kansas City Star,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

I am sending you a couple of letters that had been promised me when we met in Kansas City last weekend. I had asked the coaches in our district to write me giving their high opinion of you as a member of our tournament committee. These letters from W. H. Browne, of the University of Nebraska, and E. S. Hickey of Creighton University, came in this morning. I shall send others that come in from time to time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH  
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