

Lawrence, Kansas
January 31, 1940

Mr. B. T. Grover, President,
National Association of Basketball Coaches,
Ohio University,
Athens, Ohio.

Dear "Butch":

I am putting first things first, and writing you about two very important matters that even should precede our entertainment set up in Kansas City.

One is the matter of a James Naismith Memorial Trophy for the team winning the championship, and the other item is a matter of finance for the coaches' ticket to the final N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship of America game in Kansas City on March 30.

When I was in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 28, I met with Harold Olsen over the matter of erasing a deficit which was incurred by the championship district and final tournaments last year. Last year in Chicago the basketball coaches each received one ticket gratis - those that were members of the Coaches Association, but the Coaches Association as a whole paid nothing to the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship Committee for this ticket. I suggested to Ole that he take it up with you as president and you with your board of directors, with a view of having the Coaches Association vote from the funds of the Coaches Association the sum of \$1.00 per ticket for this game. The price of the ticket will be \$1.65.

Since the N.C.A.A. is confronted with liquidating a large indebtedness, I think it only fair that the Coaches Association treasury should stand a part of this expense. If \$1.00 from each annual membership could go for this final game it would cut down the deficit and allow the N.C.A.A. to break even. I trust that Ole has already taken this up with you and that you have made the necessary steps to get the o.k. from the coaches.