

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

Dear Frank:

Sometime ago you asked me for some word on the N.C.A.A. Tournament. I am able to report at this time that we have released to the press a list of the committee appointments and a general idea as to the plan which will be followed in the conduct of the tournament. I am enclosing a list of the committee appointments.

The general idea which we plan to carry out is that after the selection committees in each of the eight districts of the N.C.A.A. have decided on the team which will represent that district in the National play-offs, that we will bring the representatives from districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 together at some point in the East. We will do the same with the representatives from districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 at some point West of the Mississippi. Then the winners in these two play-offs will play one final game for the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship.

We haven't as yet decided where these play-offs or where the final game will be held. It is our hope, however, that we might have the final game played at the time and place where the convention of the National Association of Basketball Coaches will be held. It seems to me that inasmuch as the coaches association was instrumental in getting the N.C.A.A. to take on this tournament idea that it would be a fine thing to tie up that final game with the coaches convention.

Just as soon as we have completed our plans and settled on dates, I will get the word to you so that the coaches of the association will be able to know what is going on in connection with the tournament.

I received a request sometime ago from Bill Chandler to write something about St. John's work in the development of basketball. I am more than happy to do this but unfortunately up to the present time I have been too busy to do so. Just as soon as I get back from the trip from the West Coast, I hope to get something on to you so you can use it in your bulletin should you care to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. Olsen

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