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

Dear Doc:

I was awfully sorry to miss the finals of the basketball tournament, but know that the disappointment was much less for not having seen it. Apparently a good basketball team that hits 33% of its shots can't be beaten, and particularly when its opponent is so cold that it only registers around 18% of its trials.

As far as I could see the finest thing coming out of the tournament was Ye Ed's tribute to you on the front page of the Star Sunday morning. I know your friends will rejoice in having read such a splendid testimonial - even in spite of the fact that old C. H. T. had you approaching the 6th. decade. For knowing no more than he does about you, I judge that he put together about as good a set of facts as could be written and analyzing the thing, what he said very nearly approximated the truth.

I know you got a big kick out of it on your own score and more so because of Bob - Bob certainly came through as a thorough-bred will. I hope that Bob gets bigger and stronger for his last year. He looked as near fagged out after some of these games as anybody I have ever seen. I don't suppose its serious or will leave any lasting effect, but he certainly does look completely spent after 40 minutes of a hard game.

This boy Foresman was in a couple of days ago and I told him I was going to send him up if I wasn't able to bring him, possibly at Relay time, but on second thought perhaps it would be better to do it later because you will likely be busy at that time.

Anyhow, in spite of the defeat in the finals it was a wonderful treat to have Kansas go to the finals and I know, judging everything from every angle, that you must have felt the boys did particularly well and that they brought great credit to themselves, their coach and their school. Hoping to see you soon, best regards.

*John*