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Mr. Myles Pember,
The Parsons Sun,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Myles:

Answering your inquiry of the 20th instant regarding the Charlie Blacks of K.U., I am happy to tell you that Charlie Black of 1921-22-23 fame was from Alton, Illinois. It is he whom we designate the greatest living Kansas athlete.

Charles B. Black of Lawrence, Kansas, formerly of Topeka, and Southwest High of Kansas City, is the 6 ft. 4 in. all-round athlete. I made this statement regarding Charlie Black of Lawrence, the present athlete - that I thought he played one of the best defensive games that I had seen. Then when he played against Missouri I said he played one of the finest offensive games that I had seen, and his defensive that night was outstanding.

I did not say that Charles Black is the best big man I ever coached in basketball, although he does come up to that standard some nights. I could not forget Al Peterson who was nearly as big as Charlie and just as great an athlete. I have never said that one player is the greatest because times and conditions alter things, nor have I picked the all-time team because that is impossible to do and unfair to many of the other players. Charlie Black is a junior and has possibilities of being the greatest, but he has not proved himself that yet.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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