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Mr. Dan Partner
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Dear Dan,

This past summer Jim Reed of the Topeka Daily Capitol wrote in his sport column that Warren Israel, former Paseo boy and later of the Mexico School of Mines, ace football and basketball player, would enroll at Kansas. I wrote Jim to the effect that Warren had been a freshman at Kansas this past year and before that he had played against us the winter before in the Jayhawk Tournament at Topeka conducted by Washburn College.

May I tell you that Charlie Black's family moved from Overland Park a year ago last summer to Lawrence, Kansas and Charlie enrolled last September at the University of Kansas. Charlie will be eligible for the Jayhawker basketball team this winter. Might I pull a pun and say that in my opinion your story regarding Black is "un-Partner-donable". It is not like you, Dan, who gave you that bum steer?

(Off the record, Dan,) I might tell you that I got Charlie Black here at the University and it took a lot of work! Now here's a new story for you, but do not use my name in any of your yarns. Charlie Black played for Highland Park High School, just out of Topeka, in his junior year where he was a star player. His parents then moved to Kansas City, where the father, C. B. Black, is southwestern manager of the Alemite Corporation, Kansas City, Mo. The family have always been Jayhawkers, but in his senior year, Charlie starred in basketball, football, and track at Southwest. Previous to his playing at Southwest he had once played in Kansas.

Here's the story, Dan. Dr. Robert R. Taft, of the chemistry department at the University of Kansas, and Mr. C. B. Black were teammates together on the Midland Nebraska college team back in the early days. Doctor Taft played fullback and C. B. Black played tackle. The Black family and the Tafts are very good friends and it was Doctor Taft who told me that he was trying to get the Black family to move to Lawrence for the education of their six children.

I then talked to Charlie Black's mother and father and learned that while Charlie was in Wisconsin on a legislative scholarship obtained by Stuhldurer for him, the drain on the family purse was too much, so they desired Charlie to come back from Madison to Lawrence. Now you can use your imagination the rest of the way, Dan.