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Mr. Dan Partner
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Dear Dan:

You are right, the Oklahoma game is a sell-out, but I have referred your request to Mr. Earl Falkenstien and he is taking good care of you for two seats and a press ticket.

I noticed your comment in your column this morning regarding the N.C.A.A. selection from this district. I think I wrote you before that so far as I am personally concerned that win, lose or draw, I am perfectly content to check in all the basketball stuff immediately after the Oklahoma Aggie game; even should we defeat both Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. and M.

As far as I am concerned, we have had more than enough. I am not interested in the N.C.A.A. play-off and I am in earnest about this. This is no bluff. But the peculiar thing about it is that the boys want to play; but I do not. If they are selected, however, I would go along with them and bury my own feelings in the matter.

After running a tournament and making \$10,000 for the N.C.A.A. last year, the big wigs of the N.C.A.A. wanted to give the colleges no money whatsoever. In that attitude and action of theirs, I could see no difference between the A.A.U. taking the \$10,000 from the Olympic play-off in 1936 and the N.C.A.A. taking \$10,000 from the N.C.A.A. play-off in 1940. The only difference was that different letters of the alphabet made up their titles. Their attitude was the same.

After going to Chicago and battling the big wigs and Olsen and the rest of the Committee, our team played three games in Kansas City for \$752.40. Two teams got 3/14ths and the team that we eliminated in the first game got 1/14th of the cut, after it had been out two or three ways. Personally, it would be a very great pleasure to me if the selection committee picked someone other than Kansas. These Kansas boys have done the impossible. They have gone through so far with only two losses, and I never expected to finish any higher than fourth. I say this with all candor and honesty. These boys have done things and I do not see how they did it. I believe Kansas is going to play a good game this coming Friday. The officials are O'Sullivan and Hogue.

Now, one other thing, I wish that you would quit talking about Engleman and talk about the team once in a while. As far as I am concerned I am not interested in individual records. Engleman has broken the Big-Six