

and I am not desirous of seeing these little pygmies take a beating for an outfit who wants to pocket all the money. Certainly the crowd goes to see the college teams who play, and the college athletic association should get a share, so should the N.C.A.A., but neither one should hog the whole amount from the other.

Personally I do not care a whit what the selection committee thinks of my statement, but I do not want our own boys to feel that I am gipping them out of the Tournament. They really want to play but I do not want to use any words that would embarrass them. But so far as I am concerned I am speaking my own mind, but with no desire to hurt their chances.

If you should quote me as to a statement I made a few weeks ago, and reaffirm it now, that I do not like to see these little pygmies take a beating, rather than for me to show a strong animus against this outfit of money grabbers, then O.K. by me.

Now, another peeve. The idea of Olsen, who is Chairman of the Eastern District, putting the play-off at the University of Wisconsin Fieldhouse. That gives the Big-Ten the decided advantage over anyone else. It would be comparable to putting the play-off at the Oklahoma A. and M. Fieldhouse at Stillwater should A. and M. be a participant. The whole idea of the play-off tournament is to give everybody an equal advantage, but Olsen is looking at it from the money he will draw over the popularity of Wisconsin winning the Big-Ten. And when he is doing that he is also giving Wisconsin a break over the first, second and third district winner. That is not sporting. He is selling the fair-play rights for gate receipts.

The first eastern play-off was held in the Palestra and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was not a participant. The second play-off was held at the Butler Fieldhouse and Butler was not a participant. Now the third one is to be held at Wisconsin and Wisconsin is a participant. They are playing on their home floor before their home crowd.

The first Western play-off was held at Treasure Island on a neutral court. The second one was held in Kansas City and the third one will be held in Kansas City, all on neutral floors.

The first National Final was held at Northwestern University where Ohio State University had played several times. That gave the Big-Ten an edge. Hobby Hobson, the coach at Oregon asked me to phone Harold Olsen at Columbus the night that Oregon beat Oklahoma, stating that they did not want Big-Ten officials, and if they insisted on Big-Ten officials that Hobby would insist on one Pacific Coast official. I was out at Treasure Island for the tournament play-off when I phoned. John Bunn, Hobson and I got together when Hobson made this request. John was driving from San Francisco back to Palo Alto that night so I was asked to do the phoning. I phoned Olsen at Columbus, Ohio and gave him Bunn's and Hobson's request, but Olsen told me that Dutch Lonborg was handling all details of the Tournament and we would have to take it up with him. I then