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Dear Phog:

Glad to get your letter of the 3rd and will do my best to correct the wrong impressions concerning Miller and Reid which you mentioned. I had no idea anyone would connect Miller with the knee incident due to his inspired play but the newspaper readers' mind is sometimes unpredictable.

I understood that Reid left K.U. because of the lack of money but having no substantial basis for the report I couldn't print it.

I'm sorry there was so much fuss about that crack I made about Nesmith. I'm enclosing my column containing the line and I shall appreciate your telling him that it I meant no criticism. It was merely a game note and I thought perhaps Dean would like seeing his name in the paper.

I'm sure that you don't need a trainer to convey instructions to your team and that you would be the last to resort to such tactics. There was no thought of a rule infraction when I wrote the line and I'm sincerely sorry if it caused you or Dean any undue worry or trouble.

I'm doing my best to keep humor in my writing because I think many writers and sportsmen, including coaches and players, become stale when they take the game, whatever it may be, too seriously. Life is much too short to worry and fret about some small incident which will soon be forgotten. Right know I'm worrying about the football situation at Kansas State. Williamson, in my opinion is being railroaded out of the picture because certain members of the council haven't the guts to stand by him.

But life is like that and we have to make the best of it.

I enjoyed your letter, Phog, and am looking forward to hearing from you again. I shall appreciate any suggestions you might have at any time and you can rest assured they will be taken in the right manner.

Very truly yours,

