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Mr. Dan Partner,
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Dear Dan:

There are a few angles that are not understood by readers of your column. Such a thought never occurred to me, but many of the people in town and over the state are sure that when you wrote about one of the boys on the Kansas team slowing up the possibilities of the Jayhawkers by a bad knee that you were alluding to Ralph Miller. A great number of letters have come in and people have spoken about it and they have never once thought of Engleman.

Miller played with a knee that made me feel like a criminal to even put him in the ball game, but he was so insistent that he wanted to play that it was difficult to deny him. Would it be possible some way to mention the fact that the bad knee that was discussed heretofore did not belong to Ralph Miller? Last year he did injure the knee and he would writhe in agony, and when I would take him out he would insist that he wanted to play. I told him that I did not want to injure him and that was why I would not play him more. He said, "Gee whiz, I came up here to play basketball and I want to play." So that is the difference between some people.

On the other hand, I do not want to embarrass a boy who has had no father for a great many years and who has been raised largely by women-folks and an old maid school teacher. I want to protect this boy against an emotional background that might cause a mental complex to develop. Therefore, if you can do justice to Miller without embarrassing the other fellow I would appreciate it.

Then there is one more thing, Dan. The populace is not understanding the withdrawal of Bruce Reid from school. It was purely a matter of finances, but many of the wise ones who feel that they understood the situation, are sure that he quit because I kicked him off the team for insubordination or breaking training rules. Nothing is further from the truth. Bruce has been doing a fine job and his work has been very satisfactory, both in the class room and on the basketball court. The father has been out of employment most of the time and the mother has been working, and it has been a very difficult financial situation with him. I wish, however, that you would not mention this side of it, only you could say that the reason that Reid withdrew from school was purely financial. He has been in all