

I am not trying to alibi, but my purpose in writing you this letter is to get some information in proper hands so that the visitors will be insured and assured of courteous treatment in the future in such situations as this. Doubtless you would not know of the coaches' agreement regarding photographers, but Coach Drake does, and of course you knew nothing about the balls. But I would like for you to get the copy from Coach Drake's desk and read it.

Now, there is another item here that comes directly home. On the second page of the minutes there is an item under "Rules Interpretation and Conduct of the Game", number 3, as follows: "Coaches are to do everything in their power to stop anything off-color among the players."

In this regard I want to call your attention to the unsportsmanlike tactics of Gerald Tucker who, when Ralph Miller was fouled, ran his fingers through Miller's hair and disheveled it by violently shaking Miller's head. And then in a baby-like fashion he whittled his finger in Miller's face in a tsk-tsk manner, much to the delight of the Sooner home audience. That is a cheap and tawdry trick, poking a pointing finger in a derisive fashion in the face of a visiting athlete who is supposed to be accorded the courtesy of an opponent.

I am told that one of the Oklahoma dailys referred to this as "colorful Tucker's act". Well, I might say to you that this was discussed in the coaches meeting and the coaches brought the matter up with Coach Drake, that his players had at times shown unsportsmanlike tactics such as this. Ug Roberts and Allie Faine did it last year with Howard Engleman and other Big Six opponents. Here at Lawrence Reich did the same thing to John Buescher, and Buescher resented it and quite a flare was caused here at Lawrence in the Kansas-Oklahoma game. The Oklahoma players were accorded excellent and sportsmanlike treatment at Lawrence.

Apparently this goat-getting act could not continuously be practiced by the Oklahoma team if it received any discouragement from the coach. Two or three of the coaches mentioned this to Coach Drake this past fall at the meeting.

The reason that I did not put Gerald Tucker on my Big Six selection was because by his own volition he migrated, whereas had he stayed at Kansas State he would have had a chance to play ten full games, and further because of his unsportsmanlike action to Ralph Miller who responded with a smile and a pat on the back.

There is another incident that happened last year at Norman that I would like to call your attention to. There is a rule in the book to the effect that when players are substituted at the half it is not necessary for them to report to the referee. I made