

A
March 22, 1944.

Lieut. Theodore M. O'Leary,
Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board,
Bryant Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Ted:

I have been expecting to write you a letter of congratulations for over a week upon your splendid achievement in winning the Missouri Valley singles handball tournament. I know it is a goal that you have been striving for, for quite some time, and to have accomplished it is wonderful. I know what a good inner feeling comes to a man when he has realized his personal ambition. It is one of those things a fellow doesn't talk about much, but it does his heart good, and I congratulate you.

and then I see where you won the doubles championship -- the thing that you had already accomplished. This of course doubtless gave you a buzz, but not what the individual championship did because a repeater is never as stimulating as the first time objective.

Mrs. Allen and I read your last two splendid reviews in the Star. You have a lovely touch as reflected by your writings, doubtless, in the home environment that was yours. The philosophy of a parent seeing the youngsters trudge off to school or make ready to go, and wondering about the repetition of this ghastly business of war, shows the home side that is always pleasing.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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