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Dear Dan:

Congratulations to you, sir, upon the matrimonial step that I learn you are about to take! May you have a very long, prosperous and happy wedded life is my sincere wish.

I talked with you regarding the write up of the Western N.C.A.A. play-off and the National Collegiate A. A. Finals in Kansas City. Since you attended those sessions of the play-offs I am sure that by reference to your own sport files you can get ample data and material for the spectacular feature.

Just to refresh your memory I thought I might suggest some events, although I think these suggestions are superfluous.

I would suggest elaborating upon Kansas City as the outstanding sports center of the country. You know the games were a sell-out two or three nights before the finals. And then there was the spectacular feature between halves of each game with the University of Kansas band, the Lawrence High School band, and the Wyandotte High School band. The University of Kansas band under the direction of Russell Wiley, put on a great demonstration. There was a splendid memorial tribute to Dr. James Naismith, the originator of the game of basketball.

And then the National Rules Committee of the United States and Canada was in session on March 30, 31, and April 1, and the National Association of Basketball Coaches met on March 28, 29 and 30. It is the first time in the history of basketball that there was a bona fide National Collegiate play-off at which the Rules Committee and the Basketball Coaches Association were in attendance.

As you know, this was the second N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament. The first was a year ago, which took place at the Golden Gate Exposition at Treasure Island, was won by Oregon by their defeating the University of Oklahoma 55 to 37. The eastern play-off was held at the Palestra, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State defeating Villanova 53 to 36. Then the two teams met, as above mentioned, at Chicago. Last year was the first venture, and they lost \$2500.00.