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Gentlemen:

I am somewhat perplexed over the division of the gate receipts on these district play-off tournaments. A little history or background of the situation would not be amiss.

At our conference in Oklahoma City with Henry Iba, Tom Stidham and Bruce Drake, Henry Iba brought this very important point to the floor. Iba stated, and I know it to be a fact, that he was invited to the Sport Writers Tournament in Madison Square Garden March 20-22. I believe that Frosty Cox has accepted, because Utah State has been qualified for the tournament, and it is my understanding that Colorado won the Rocky Mountain Conference championship.

I received letters from both Everett Morris and Ned Irish, as did the University of Texas, the Sixth District winner, and others, inviting them to the tournament. It is my impression that these people that stick by us in the N.C.A.A. play-off and go through with their assignments should receive some consideration. Iba stated that he felt that in these district tournaments the competing teams should receive the largest share of the money. I made the point to him that you had wired asking for confirmation of a policy of the N.C.A.A. that the district winners receive a pro-rata part of their expenses, but for the regional and for the finals that all expenses for fifteen men would be paid.