

I appreciate these difficulties that we get into, but there is a danger that unless we set these things out and have them in printed form and send them to each member, marked personal, of the National Basketball Coaches Association so they could be fully informed, then there would be no excuse for fellows like Rupp, of Kentucky, pleading ignorance as to the real set-up. I only mention Rupp, but I can also mention Frosty Cox, Sam Barry, and many of the other boys saying, "We never received any information of what we are to get or anything of the kind." Henry Iba was the most outspoken of all. For two years he has been stating that he will stick by the N.C.A.A. tournaments if the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee will come out with a definite statement as to their policy and intentions, together with their possible distribution of the earnings.

I do not believe that we can afford to ignore these things longer, and after our meeting, if we do have one in Minneapolis, I believe we should have a definite statement to present to the coaches early next fall so that when our tournaments come up they will have been advised, and it will not be possible for them to state they knew nothing of the set-up. If we leave all this detail to the chairmen of the districts or other members of the Tournament Committee then there is still a possibility that the various coaches who are members of the N.C.A.A. will not be fully appraised of all the situations.

Would it not be well to have these points ready to submit to the N.C.A.A. governing board and get their o.k. or their rejection upon these moot points so that we in turn could be protected to the extent of saying that this is what they approved and this is what they rejected. If you want to get into the tournament play-off under these conditions, well and good. If not, you have been so advised.

I trust that I have brought before you these important points and that you will augment these with any others that come to you. Won't you please write me your convictions, and also in what manner you expect to handle the play-offs next year?

I have not been advised whether I am to be on the Tournament Committee next year. But I have gone ahead with these details to protect the committee.

Very cordially yours,

Chairman, 5th District N.C.A.A.