

O'REILLY GENERAL HOSPITAL
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

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Springfield, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regard to a basketball player that we have down here at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. In my estimation he is one of the most natural ball players that I have ever seen and I have seen several All-Americans play. I personally think that he is a better ball player than your own Charlie Black, and that is saying quite a bit. He has scored 20, 21, 23 and 31 points in the last four games. The last being against Southwest State Teachers College, who incidently has only lost one game this year.

His name is Henry Vaughan and he is from Ohio. In his Senior year in High School he was named as a forward on the All-State team. He is 20 years old and about 5 ft. 10 inches. He has heard a lot about your teams at KU and seems to be very much interested in going to some school that he can play a lot of basketball.

If you wonder why I am interested in this man going to Kansas, well I am from Ellsworth, Kansas and am very much interested in athletics at Kansas University. I believe you know Ernest Vanek, who was Freshman coach with you some years back, he is also from the same town. If you would care to contact this man his address is.

T/5 Henry Vaughan
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If I can help you in any way in persuading this man to come to your school I assure you that it will be a pleasure.

Sincerely Yours

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