

January 28, 1936.

Mr. John W. Bum,
Director of Basketball,
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California.

Dear John:

I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 13th instant. I refer especially to the last paragraph in your letter in which you refer to our very extended correspondence of last year. I am wondering if you refer to the letters of July 10 and August 10, 1936.

I thought I explained as fully as possible why the conference would not permit us to play in Kansas City, and as you know, playing on our court was out of the question. I am wondering if you have any other letters in mind, other than those two.

Of course, if you tried to get games in Kansas City and they were against the conference rule, wouldn't you think that that answer was a sufficiently good one for you to tell Ralph that you had tried but it was against the conference rule? Had you offered to play Kansas in Lawrence during school time I am sure that you would not have been refused.

You will perhaps remember when we played the University of Southern California, or agreed to play them, year before last in Kansas City, and Missouri and Kansas State objected to our playing unless they were permitted to play in the same tournament. This was done. We played but one game with U.S.C., Kansas State played Missouri, and the winners played the winners. This was after Sam Barry and I had agreed to play two games between U.S.C. and Kansas in Kansas City.

In other words, John, I do not believe that you would infer to Ralph that we were not desirous of playing you at any time if it were possible to schedule you. You perhaps will remember when you played us in Lawrence you stated that you had your own budget and that by staying at the Beta house and with other arrangements you could make it. I informed you that games during vacation week would not draw well in Lawrence. Of course you knew that from your previous experience as a player and a coach here.