

May 6, 1939.

Mr. Howard Hobson,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oregon,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Howard:

I got in from New York late last night from the Rules Committee meeting and found your wire of the 3rd instant awaiting me. Since this is Saturday morning I find that a letter by air mail will serve the same purpose as a wire and I can make an explanation in a letter that would not be so easy as in a wire. For that reason, I am writing you.

Howard, as I explained to you, our town of something like 15,000, is a typical small college town. Our student body numbering nearly 5,000 is away for the Christmas vacation, and for that reason our income would be very limited on the 27th.

We are forced by conference rules to play in this town, unless special conference sanction is obtained to play in a larger city. This is very difficult and a trying ordeal, so I think that we had better forego the date with you even as much as we desire to play. If it could be arranged for our team to play in the new municipal auditorium in Kansas City I am sure we could both make money, but this would have to come before the conference during their meeting the latter part of May, and I would not ask you to hold that date open that long.

For that reason and the others mentioned I want to thank you for your kindness in offering me the date, but I am forced to respectfully decline.

With continued good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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