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Dear Doc:

I'm a little late in writing you, but my team, Mrs. Reade and I really enjoyed the Missouri-Kansas game. Your team certainly has improved fundamentally since the first time I saw them down at the Municipal Auditorium. Peck and Heim seem to be the most improved ball players you have. From a coaching angle, I thought Missouri's defense was terrible. Your play off of the lateral screen certainly had kurash out of defensive position all night. Your boys certainly showed a much higher team morale than Missouri.

Here at Shawnee-Mission, we are fighting an up-hill battle. For the last three weeks we have been plagued with intestinal fluc and injuries. Since my A team is really limited in reserves, its loss of a couple of regulars has certainly hurt us. We hope to get by Leavenworth tomorrow evening and cinch the league title again. If Ed Ash would do his daily good turn and defeat Lawrence, we wouldn't have to win from Leavenworth in order cinch the title.

Carl missed the honor roll this six weeks by half a grade point. But he is doing a good job and I expect he will really get on the beam scholastically when he has a little more time. He is in quite a few school activities, so naturally something has to suffer.

I wish you a lot of luck against Iowa State, but I'm sure you will get the job done.

Sincerely

Harold.

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