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Mr. Harold Reade,
Director of Athletics,
Shawnee Mission Rural High School,
Merriam, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

I was glad to hear from you, and to know of the progress that Charlie Moore, Jr., is making. I have just sent him a note to pep him up a bit.

In regard to the Bermuda grass, you would have to plant this early in the spring after the frost has left the ground. Plant the roots in narrow trenches in rows, in very sandy loam. If your soil does not have much sand in it I believe it would pay to haul enough sand on the field so that it would be at least an inch deep. Harrow it well into the ground.

As soon as the Bermuda starts to grow sprinkle it as often as you can. You should have a hydrant and hose accessible to your field, because the success you will have with this grass depends on the amount of watering you give it. Water it and cut it as often as you can.

I imagine you could get the roots from any seed company there in Kansas City, but it would be cheaper if you could obtain your start from some athletic field where it is growing abundantly. You might try some of the athletic fields around Wichita or Oklahoma City, but I wouldn't go too far south. You will want to get grass that is acclimated to this area, because if you do not the frost would kill it out. And don't forget - you will not be successful with it unless you wait until spring to plant it.

If I can help you in any way, I shall be glad to have you call on me.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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