

March 3, 1939.

Honorable Payne Ratner,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Ratner:

I want you to know how very much we appreciate your loyalty and your thoughtfulness in writing us at 6:25 p.m. at Columbia, of your desire as a Kansan that we uphold the tradition of our state.

I used your wire just prior to the game in charging the five starters with the thought that the Governor of the State of Kansas took time out during his illness and his manifold duties to express to them his conviction and belief in the Jayhawkers to pull the Tigers from the top rung of the Big Six ladder. But it seemed as if we just didn't have it. It was just like a great fighter boxing a challenger, and the fighter was fighting but all of his efforts were to no avail. And every blow the challenger directed seemed to hit a vital spot.

The high emotional pitch that the Kansas team was brought to against Oklahoma and Iowa State in that one week seemed to be just too much for the nervous system of our boys. They wanted to fight, but that first half was the worst first half that I have seen a Kansas team play in many years. They couldn't get going. Six words describe it best -- they couldn't miss, we couldn't hit.

Again I want to thank you very much. Your wires and your friendship have been a great inspiration to our boys.

With deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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