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Mrs. Fanchon Reid,  
307 South 1st St.,  
Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Reid:

I was grieved to know that you were forced to read the first news in the daily paper concerning the debacle as far as training rules are concerned with regard to your son and our friend, Bruce, and George Golay. I am sending you a carbon copy, confidentially, of the letter that I have written to Mrs. Golay at Warrensburg. I feel that by sending you this letter you can see that I have been frank enough to tell George's mother that he was the aggressor and much more to blame, in my opinion, than Bruce.

I think you know of the many trials and tribulations we have had with Bruce. Yet I think he has many more qualities worth commending than has George. I have worked much harder with George than I have with Bruce, and George being a senior should have conducted himself in a more becoming manner, although Bruce fell far short of a standard that I had set for him.

Bruce came in this morning and we had a fine talk. I am very fond of him, Mrs. Reid, and I think that Bruce is worth saving. However, I did tell Bruce that I wouldn't put him on the squad unless he could learn to train. Those two boys have been a thorn in my side - more than any boys outside of my own son, Milton, and some of the boys back in 1929, the names of whom I will not mention.

I told Bruce he better go home and talk things over with you and assure you that he still had my sincere friendship, but with the breaking of training rules these two boys kept me from doing as efficient coaching job as would be possible for me to do if they would but train. I could not even make an enthusiastic pep talk to the boys, knowing all the time that I had fellows on the squad who were breaking training and who were really flaunting it in the faces of the other boys.