

April 8, 1943.

Mr. David L. Shirk, Coach,
Senior High School,
Augusta, Kansas.

Dear Dave:

I was delighted to receive your letter of April 2nd but I was chagrined that you had to write me first. I wanted to make it a most emphatic congratulatory letter on your splendid accomplishment of winning the Class A State Championship Basketball Tournament. I was delighted because I was so interested in your accomplishing this fact.

I know what satisfaction you must have derived from it, and I am happy for you. I got a big laugh out of the fact that the defense was your own, and that it was so crazy that it fooled everyone. Well, that is all right so long as it didn't fool you, Dave.

Please congratulate Mrs. Shirk for the Shirk family, will you, Dave?

Now, regarding the annual play day. Things are so mixed up here, Dave, that I am afraid to attempt it. Our help is practically nil. Mr. Hutchinson resigned at the stadium and Dean is doing double duty, or triple duty, I should say. He is property man and trainer for the teams, and further than that he is taking some physical conditioning classes on the side. I am afraid we would have no one here to check out equipment as Dean will be used at the stadium, and of course the high school boys will be competing in their track events down at the stadium and it might be construed as a counter-attraction with no Relays on. So you will understand that I would love to have you and your boys, but it is just one of those things.

I hope you get the Topeka job if you want it. I will see you when you come up for the high school meet, I hope.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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