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Dr. F. C. Allen,
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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen,

I have a note from Coach Len Sachs to drop you a line saying that he will attend the convention. Please pardon our seeming oversight in not notifying you before this late date, but both Len and I have been very busy on the National Catholic Basketball Tournament which opens here at Loyola next Wednesday evening.

On the matter of rule changes, Len believes firmly that the technical foul penalty, wherein the team awarded the free throw is also given possession of the ball, seems unfair to the offending team, and he is of the opinion that this rule should be modified. As a matter of fact, he tells me in his note to emphasize this point; I believe it sufficient to mention the rule and his requested emphasize.

He also mentioned that you wanted the record of his tenure here at Loyola. I trust the following is satisfactory.

Since the season of 1923-24, Loyola's teams under Lennie have won 193 and lost 115 for a .6254 average, scoring 9119 points to the opponent's 7682. His team of 1928-29 was undefeated in 16 games, while the 1938-39 squad went through its twenty game schedule without a loss, losing only to Long Island in the finals of the Metropolitan Writer's Invitational Tournament in New York City for a final record of 21-1.

From 1927-28 until 1929-30, the Loyola team was undefeated in 33 consecutive games, setting what was then a modern world's record in intercollegiate competition. The Chicago Catholic Championship series, begun in 1936-37 with De Paul university, has resulted in Loyola winning the first three years to retire the first cup placed in competition. De Paul broke the ice this season 21-15.

Players of national reputation developed by Sachs include: Joe Wibry, 1927 All-Western guard; Jim Bremner and Tony Lawless, 1928 All-Western forwards; Charlie "Feed" Murphy, 1929 and 1930 All-American center; Marv Colen, 1937 All-American guard; and Wibs Kautz and Mike Novak, All-American guard and center respectively in 1938 and 1939.

Len's teams have been famous in collegiate circles ever since his start at Loyola. He is one of the first to use a zone defense extensively, but in addition the Ramblers gained fame as a team able to switch to a man-to-man at any point of a game without an apparent case of stage-fright. Opponents never know which kind of a defense they will encounter in Loyola, and one is as good as the other.