

August 12, 1939.

Mr. Wilmer R. Shaffer,
Home State Bank,
Russell, Kansas.

Dear Bub:

Again I find myself apologizing to you for something I thought had been taken care of. Your letter of May 18th got lost in the mail on my desk between my commencement dates and my summer school teaching.

You wrote asking me the dimensions of a four-wall handball court. Well, I had my secretary make a notation on the letter, as follows: 21'4" wide, 42' long, 13' high. It takes a lot of lumber, Bub, to build one of these things. We used 4x4 shippings that were used to support the stadium construction. Then we used shiplap on the inside and back wall. We used 2" dimension stuff for the floor as well as for the front rebound wall. Then we put a screen 12 feet high on the top end above away from the front rebound wall to keep the ball from going out of the court after the initial service.

I am afraid you would find it doggone expensive. My suggestion would be to build a concrete floor or a wooden floor with a front wall. Then support it on the front and sides with a 12 ft. broken shoulder and bring it out about 5 ft, and then break it down to the floor. That would give you a three-wall court so that you could play the front, side and corners. This would certainly cut down the matter of expense tremendously. Or are you counting on a WPA grant? Then it might be different.

Give my kindest regards to all the Shaffer's, and rest assured, Bub, that this delay was no slight. In fact, I expected to fire my reply to you at once, but they had me on commencement dates, promoting the golf tournament, taking care of the recreation here at the University for the summer and teaching a full load in the Summer Session. I am up here tonight (Friday) at 9:30 trying to clean my desk before I start Sunday evening for St. Louis and Atlanta. I will be back around September 1.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director
Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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