

October 31, 1939.

Mr. Ted Shane,  
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Ted:

I would be glad to collaborate with you in preparing an article on the subject mentioned in your letter of the 24th, but I would not want to criticize the officials. I am sure that you can understand that it would be unethical for a coach to tell what is wrong with officiating; a writer could do it all right, but it would look as if the coach had a sour and dour reaction toward the professional work of officiating.

The officials would hold that they were doing just as good a job as we, the coaches, were. While there may be some things wrong with officiating, I do not think it would be ethical for me, as a coach, to criticize the officiating.

I am very grateful for your thought of me, but in view of the reasons just mentioned, I do not think it would be wise for me to collaborate with you on this article. I trust that some time in the future we may get together on a subject of mutual interest.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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