

January 20, 1939.

Mr. O. R. Sturdy,  
Hugoton, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Sturdy:

This will acknowledge your good letter of the 9th instant. My secretary wrote you on January 14 that I would write you as soon as I returned from Lincoln, Nebraska. It happens that we have played, or are to play, six games in sixteen days, and about all I have had time to do is attend to my administrative work and get the team ready for trips or games.

Today at noon we are leaving for Manhattan, where we will have a tough game tonight with the Aggie boys. They are always tough down there.

I want you to know that I have gotten well acquainted with Lyle, although it has not been possible for him to get out but about six or eight times for practice. Lyle is a fine boy and a splendid athlete. I find that his fundamentals on pivoting, dribbling and passing are far above average. But we use a pivot designed always to pivot away from the opponent and always toward the sideline. This is somewhat new to some boys because many high school boys will pivot either inside or outside without thinking of the consequences.

I can see that Lyle has the making of a wonderful athlete. I have heard of his prowess on the track and in football and in basketball. It was unfortunate that he got hurt the first part of the year in football during his early freshman competition.

I take a large squad and work on more fundamentals than I do on scrimmaging. For that reason I haven't been able to see Lyle perhaps at his best. All the fundamentals that we work on are new to most of the group, so it is a matter of teaching, more than competition. We try to develop their reactions and reflexes so that when they get into a game they will perform in a way that the rest of the teammates will know just about where every individual can be found when a play is put on. Now, do not understand me to mean that the players are