

December 6, 1937.

Mr. H. Dean Stallings, Acting Director,
Physical Education and Athletics,
South Dakota State College,
Brookings, South Dakota.

Dear Director Stallings:

I am writing Elmer Schaake, of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, asking that he write you and make application for the position.

Schaake played football and basketball here, making his letter in each sport in 1931-32-33. He is 26 years of age, and in 1934 he was assistant coach to T. C. Reid, a Kansas man who played on my football team in 1920, the year I coached it. Reid is athletic director at Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri.

During the spring practice the year that he graduated Schaake helped me with spring basketball practice and he helped Ad Lindsey with his spring football practice. Lindsey states that he thinks Schaake has a fine knowledge of fundamentals and is a very splendid coach. During my spring practice I felt that Schaake did a better job of coaching than any young coach that I have met for a long time. He knows the necessary and important fundamentals and he is in a position to demonstrate them with marked ability.

After leaving Warrensburg, Schaake went to Bethany College where he has been athletic director and coach of all sports down there. They were in the fight for the state championship this year until the last game, being tossed out by Baker University.

I would recommend Schaake without reservation. He is a fine, clean, intelligent and aggressive coach.

I might add that Arthur "Dutch" Lonborg, of Northwestern University, played football and basketball while I was coach here, as did John Bunn, who was a teammate of "Dutch" Lonborg. Lonborg was captain of the basketball team in 1920. Forrest "Frosty" Cox, coach at the University of Colorado, played three years for me in basketball, making a letter in that sport in 1929-30-31. He also played football and lettered in 1928-29-30. Then Cox was freshman basketball coach here and my assistant on the varsity for three years before going to Colorado. Previous to that time John Bunn was my assistant.