

February 14, 1938.

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

Dear Bub:

It pleased me very much that the book made you happy. I want you to know that I never had a fellow on my squad who cooperated more fully and who had the proper morale and the willingness to do, than Bub Shaffer. Some times I have felt that I did not put you in when I should have. You were built a little light architecturally but I will always feel that I tossed away one or two ball games -- the Missouri game when I put Al Wellhausen in instead of you, the year that Al was a sophomore.

I remember the second year you came through on that formation two play and scored a goal that put us in the lead. You remember that shot, don't you, Bub? I will never forget it. And then in the Utah Aggie Olympic series I should have put you in instead of moving Noble back to a guard.

I only mention these things, Bub, to show you that each and every time I debated and pondered upon putting you in, and some sort of a hunch beat me out of it. I am frank now to tell you that I think I made a mistake. No one can describe what is in a coach's mind when he is being tormented with fouls and few goals, when he would like to have fewer fouls and more field goals. The pressure is intense.

But I want you to know that I think you have always been a wonderful gentleman, a true sportsman, and a fellow that no he-man could ever find any fault with as far as being a "regular guy" is concerned.

I am coming out to see you people in Russell after basketball season is over. Of course, I want to see that new granddaughter, but I am also anxious to see Milton and Isabel and the fine people who have made Russell. Give your folks my kindest regards, and remember me always as your sincere and well-wishing friend.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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