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Dear Louie:

Here's the thing that is troubling me. We are playing Oklahoma Aggies on December 5th. That is on Tuesday, and I dislike to miss that practice session on Saturday. We are dedicating the field house at Warrensburg on December 8th, and I did want to have some sort of a clinic blow-off here on December 9th.

I am wondering if you would be kind enough to write to the other Big Six coaches and consult your schedule and see which would be the better. I have explained to you my selfish reasons, and feel that we should weigh each one of our own coaches' decisions before we make final arrangements.

Since the Missouri Valley coaches are meeting the 8th and 9th, if it doesn't conflict with our own coaches' interests, personally I would like to have our meeting at 10 o'clock the morning of the 10th. It would cost very little more for our basketball coaches to meet separately from our directors if the cause of basketball could be enhanced thereby.

Artie said he is going to have all the officials who are working the games in the Big Six. It seems to me that our cause with the officials being present would be better by meeting with them because they are demanding that the Missouri Valley officials be present. Since we are using practically the same set, it looks as if one trip would do the job for the officials.

Won't you study this situation and write me before you definitely decide anything, telling me about your schedule and what you know about our contemporaries' schedules.

Regarding my toughness, Louie, I want to say we are going to have a tough little team, but I haven't any big men, and you know you can still beat a fellow on rebounds off the backboard. That is why I think that we will fight hard to stay up there, but I am not expecting to head the procession