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Dear Louie:

It was swell of you to write the nice letter you did on the 24th. This in the face of the Nebraska cry-baby attitude after losing a tough ball game shows the difference between sportsmen who can take it, and other guys. Notice my terminology - guys - isn't that good!

We broke their backs at Nebraska in the last 30 seconds of play, and I want you to know that Nebraska was the toughest ball club that we have played in ten years. I have never seen such miraculous shooting, swishing them in from every angle. Were they keyed up! Inspired? For what? Their war cry was "We beat Oklahoma out of it. Now let's give it back to Oklahoma." And, brother, when that ball game was over those Nebraska boys cried like babies.

Half an hour after the ball game I met Bob Parsons after he was dressed. He was with his brother and another chap, and Bob broke down and cried in my presence. He said, "Blank it, I wanted to beat you guys my last game, and we should have done it." I don't know why. Then he broke down and cried again. So you can see just how they were set for it.

Thanks, Louie, for the statistics on the Iowa State-Kansas game.

You really gave Oklahoma a battle. I am going down this afternoon to see Oklahoma and Missouri play. I want to see this double post that Missouri may spring on us. I have just got a hunch that they are going to be awfully tough to beat, yet I think Missouri will beat Oklahoma, but I am not sure of that. We are in a position now where it would be awfully tough to lose that last one to the Tigers.

Again thanking you, Louie, for your lovely expression of sportsmanship and for your kindness in giving me in very prompt fashion the statistics on all the games for our research problem, and with love to Mattie and your fine family, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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