

October 3, 1938.

Mr. Frank P. Root,
Basketball Coach,
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

I find that I have failed to acknowledge your kind letter of the 21st ultimo in regard to a possible basketball game with my cousin down the Kaw. Frank, nothing would please me more, but we just talked a little late because I have all my twenty games lined up.

I was sorry that I didn't get to sit in with you on the pow-wow that the coaches had in Kansas City with the football coaches and athletic directors. We discussed then the meeting of the basketball coaches for December. We agreed that we would meet Friday night and discuss all of the necessary changes and so forth that we felt had need for interpretation, and on Saturday morning we would ask to have breakfast with the Missouri Valley coaches so we could discuss what was necessary at that time, and incidentally have a friendly meeting with them. Then the open interpretation meeting would be at ten o'clock Saturday morning, rather than in the afternoon.

I told them that I hoped to have a basketball clinic here on December 3 in the afternoon and have a game with some team that night. I hope that you can stop by on your way home from Kansas City for the clinic and the game. I have my twenty games scheduled, with the exception of this clinic game. I am hoping to get a pretty good team for that date. If we do not get that game would you be interested in bringing your group up? I presume this would be rather early for you, would it not?

H. V. Porter, of Chicago, is the man making a demand for smaller backstop. He suggests making it rather fan-shaped by cutting the top corners off, leaving the basket at the bottom where it is, but starting about one foot away from the basket and angling up, to cut the lower corners off. This would make it just like a ladies' fan when she holds the handle and spreads it to about four-fifths wingspread.