

So you can see that Kansas has a great opportunity to play right in the front yard of the nation's biggest basketball extravaganza. If you don't like that big word, then I will give you another. It will be terrific, stupendous, colossol^a, gigantic and emotionally devastating! You will remember that the University of Oregon defeated Ohio State last year in Chicago, and at the present time Oregon is the National Collegiate champion in basketball. All of these play-offs are timed so that Kansas will lose little time away from school, and yet play in America's national championship. This is the greatest opportunity that has ever come to a group ~~that has ever~~ ^{my} represented Kansas in basketball.

I have been staying on the job here pretty steadily in Lawrence with the exception of the trip I took to Atlanta, Georgia, to coach the North Georgia all-star high school boys. They used a new scheme down in Georgia in a pedagogical way. The Georgia Coaches Association picked ten all-star high school seniors from the north half of Georgia and they selected me to coach that team. Then ten senior high stars were picked from the south half of Georgia, and they selected Roy Mundorff of Georgia Tech to coach that team. The visiting coaches, 186 of them, sat in the bleachers in Tech's new gymnasium and watched Mundorff and me put the boys through the paces that we would execute in drilling our varsity. We had never seen these boys before, and you can imagine that when you only have five days to do a job like that you have to organize your work pretty carefully. The two teams met for a game in Tech's new gymnasium, and strange as it may seem, ¹⁸⁰⁰ eighteen hundred people turned out for the high school basketball game. I might add that I was darn lucky to have our North Georgia boys win the ball game. We won by about seven points and it was the surprise of my life because we did not draw the rangy boys from our North Georgia group. They had Augusta and the larger schools in their section and they play better basketball and poorer football in southern Georgia, and better football and poorer basketball in northern Georgia, so the ones who seemed to know say.