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Coach Forrest C. Allen University of Kansas Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Coach Allen,

Realizing that at this time you are very busy, I am sorry to bother you, but in regard to Andrew Goedert of whom I mentioned to you in two previous letters, I would appreciate an answer as soon as possible regarding your plans, if any, concerning him.

I am aware of the fact that you receive many letters from coaches concerning their "All American" players, and it would be unwise and foolish to attempt to enroll all of these boys at your school; however, I am of the opinion that Goedert would be a valuable asset.

In my first letter to you I mentioned the fact that he had, practically singlehanded, taken our team to the state tournament during his freshman and junior year. Last year we were beaten in the quarterfinals by Houston who went on to win the State championship. This year we again represented Southeast Missouri by virtue of our winning the Regional tournament, and in the State tournament held at Springfield our team finished in second place. Going this far and piling up a winning streak of twentyfour consecutive games couldn't be due to the work of any one man, but to a well balanced team. However, Goedert is the man on whom we depended, not only for our points but also for making the passes that count and riding the fastest offensive player of the opponents whether he be a forward, guard, or center. In the seven games in which our teams have participated in State Tournaments, Goedert has been our best scorer in six, and at Springfield he shut out one All-State guard and held another All-State forward to one field goal. During the past year he fouled out on two occasions.

If you desire any additional information, I will be glad to furnish it, and if you would like to see the boy I will bring, or send, him to Lawrence.

Very sincerely yours,

Basketball Coach.