

July 31, 1939.

Mr. John Edward Lapham,
5523 London Road,
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear John:

Your father was in my office early this summer and told me of your fine athletic achievements. I had hoped to go to Baker when Kemper met them on their track, but it happened that it was at the time of the Drake Relays and I was out of town. I had asked our Coach Hargiss if he might go down to Baker to see you run, but of course he was in attendance at the Drake Relays.

I know Colonel Johnson and many of the other men at Kemper, and have a very high regard for them.

We would be very happy if you should become interested in the University of Kansas. I know that you could follow in your father's footsteps here and make a fine athletic record. We are especially interested in young men whose academic rating is excellent and who also possess the qualifications of being a leader and a real athlete. And from what Bob Myers and your father have told me I am sure that you are this type of young man.

I am very well acquainted with Dr. Ray Kent, who was formerly superintendent of schools at Duluth before coming to Lawrence. Ray Parkins, coach at Edison High at Minneapolis, is one of my boys. He played first base on my ball team, quarterback on my football team and forward on my basketball team. He was one of the finest athletes I have ever had, and from all reports he is making a great record there at Edison High. He was a classmate of Louie Menze, who is now coach of basketball at Iowa State College.

I want to assure you that if you should come to the University of Kansas it would be a great pleasure to have you. If there is any way in which I can be of service to you I shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.