

Lawrence, Kansas
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Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

On April 13th "Ole" wrote you about recognizing the tournament which was held in Kansas City under the title of "National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball". I quite agree with him that there is no reason for keeping a record of their tournament out of the Guide, but I see no reason for giving them a big play because there is no such name as "National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball" from a faculty standpoint. All intercollegiate organizations that have any standing do have a faculty committee that really makes these arrangements for organizations.

In other words, it must be faculty controlled, and this one is not. The fact that they are playing as closely as they can on the National Collogiate name and the fact that they are very aggressive against our set-up would cause me to deal with this organization with a degree of caution.

Of course, we advertised our tournament as "the world series of basketball", but I do not believe it was called that by the sports writers. They called them the "little tournament" and the "big tournament", but in the minds of a great many people there is still great confusion over these two names. It is my opinion that the small college tournament would be much better than the "Liston" tournament, and then of course incidentally work Liston's name into it. I agree that back page stuff would be the best for it.

It seems to me that I overheard a conversation between you and "Ole" regarding the sport writers tournament in New York, or whatever they might call it. I think we want to make our tournament