

August 12, 1939.

Mr. W. L. Baughman,
Principal, Senior High School,
East St. Louis, Illinois.

Dear Principal Baughman:

Since you have been in my office inquiring for a basketball coach I have been very diligent in endeavoring to find someone who would fill the specifications that you mentioned for your high school basketball coach.

We have a young graduate teaching here in the Lawrence Memorial High School, who, I think, is a splendid coach. His name is Elmer Schaake. He played three years on the Kansas varsity football team and two years on the basketball team. He was injured during the football season the first year and did not participate in basketball, but in my opinion he is one of the greatest athletes that Kansas possessed. He played on two of my championship basketball teams, and played the year that we scored on Notre Dame here at Lawrence, and beat Missouri at Columbia in the last few minutes. It was a pass, Carnie Smith to Elmer Schaake, that beat Carideo in the last few minutes at Columbia.

I mentioned to you Ernest Vanek, of Wichita North High School. Vanek has just gone from Herington, Kansas, to Wichita and I am under the definite impression that he would not care to apply for another position since he has just been elected to his present position in Wichita.

Gordon Gray was my captain and a great player a few years ago. He is in the Harlingen, Texas, schools. Gray was a star pole vaulter while in college and he competed in several track events. He would double well in track and basketball, and Schaake being a track man could handle either football, basketball or track.

I also spoke to you about another chap, Francis Kappelman, who is playing professional baseball at present. I am not just sure whether I could recommend him because he has not had the coaching experience that these other two boys have had.