

May 20, 1940.

Mr. W. C. Johns,
Basketball Coach,
University of California at Los Angeles,
West Los Angeles, California.

Dear Coach Johns:

I have been out of town all week on commencement engagements; hence the delay in replying to your wire of the 16th instant.

We are permitted but eighteen games in our schedule, and we have already made arrangements for those. However, I wish to thank you for your interest in playing us. I will write you again in a few days and explain more fully our situation here.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 7, 1940.

Mr. Howard Hobson,
Basketball Coach,
University of Oregon,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Hobby:

It looks as if we have all of our games arranged for this year. And in addition, we have a queer conference ruling in the Big Six. They will not allow us to play off of the college campus, either in football or basketball.

We were enabled to play in Kansas City only on account of the N.C.A.A. ruling, and it was then necessary for our conference to give permission for our team to make exception to the rule.

I appreciate your writing me, and I assure you I would be very much interested to have our two schools start in basketball relations.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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May 3, 1940

Mr. Forrest Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Just a line to tell you that we might be coming through your territory and have an open date on December 10, on the way to New York. Would you be interested in playing us on that date in Kansas City? I would like very much to have our schools start relations in basketball.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Howard Hobson
Basketball Coach

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THE DAYTON ARENA

DAYTON, OHIO

February 12, 1940

Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Athletic Director, University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Henry:

I am pleased to announce that plans are being made that assure Dayton, Ohio, of having by next October, a Sports Arena capable of seating eight thousand persons. The policy of this Sports Arena is to present the same high standard of sports entertainment that is now being shown in Madison Square Garden in New York.

We are preparing our schedule of events for next winter, and we are desirous of presenting twelve basketball carnivals, consisting of two games featuring the outstanding basketball attractions of the Nation.

Our plan is to present one Basketball Carnival each week for a period of twelve weeks, beginning in December and ending in March.

It is with this thought in mind that I am inviting you to have your team appear on our program next winter.

Will you kindly let me hear from you with regard to what dates you have available and what your financial requirements will be.

This is a new venture in Dayton, and while we are confident it will develop into a tremendous thing, we would appreciate any consideration in a financial way so that we can insure its success.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

THE DAYTON ARENA

By *J. L. Solgan*
Gen. Mgr.

Temporary mailing address
312 Oxford Avenue

May 22, 1939.

Mr. Douglas R. Mills,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Illinois.

Dear Doug:

I have just returned from Iowa State College, Ames, where last week end we had our Big Six Conference meet, and I find your letter awaiting me.

I am happy to know that you are favorable toward a home and home game for 1941. I too am enthusiastic and I am sure that we will have two splendid games. So we will definitely plan on meeting year after next.

Yesterday afternoon at the Lawrence Country Club I had the pleasure of playing golf with two of your former classmates - Dick Wood who took his law degree at Yale and who is practicing in Kansas City, Missouri, drove down with his friend, C. N. Challacomb, a physics teacher at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, and we played golf together.

Perhaps you remember Challacomb from Carbondale, Illinois. His father was a teacher in some small college in Carbondale. We had a lot of fun playing golf together and we discussed Doug Mills, their old classmate. They have a very high regard for you, Doug, and we only wished that you might have been along in the foursome.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
CHAMPAIGN

May 18, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I received your letter and am very sorry that I did not get in touch with you earlier in regard to our schedule for next year. Let us make a tentative arrangement now for a home and home game for 1940-41. I will take the initiative on this and write to you next year and see if we can get together in dates.

I will see you at the National Basketball Coaches Convention and will write you at that approximate time.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Mills
DOUGLAS R. MILLS
Varsity Basketball Coach

DRM:R

May 16, 1939.

Mr. D. R. Mills,
Basketball Coach,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Illinois.

Dear Doug:

I am sorry that I did not write you sooner, but I can appreciate the situation when you have your schedule filled and already approved for next season.

Perhaps I erroneously supposed that you would drop me a letter, and consequently I waited too long to write you. Apparently you arrange your schedule a little further in the future than we do, so I am wondering if you could do it this way - you write me when you are beginning your schedule for next year and I would be very happy to hear from you with a view of playing home and home games for 1940-41.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
CHAMPAIGN

May 4, 1939

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friend Allen:

I am very sorry but our schedule has already been approved for next season and it will be impossible to add any additional games.

When I did not hear from you, I took it for granted that you were not interested in coming out to Champaign and so, consequently, did not consider it in our plans.

I would like very much, in the near future, to arrange a home and home game with Kansas and let us definitely keep this in mind for the following season.

Very truly yours,

Doug Mills
D.R. MILLS
Basketball Coach

DRM:DC

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Bus Mills, Basketball Coach,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Bus:

Last year you talked about the possibility of a demonstration game at Urbana with Illinois as the host team. I am wondering what arrangements you have planned for this year and if you would be willing to play a return game in Lawrence for the same guarantee that you offered at Urbana.

I will be very happy to hear from you at your convenience. I am leaving Friday for New York to attend the Rules Committee meeting, and should like to have your reply on my desk when I return.

Very sincerely yours,

FGA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

May 27, 1933.

Mr. Douglas R. Mills,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Illinois.

Dear Doug:

I trust that you scheduled your clinic game quite satisfactorily. What did you obtain?

I hope that next year we may get together. Suppose we begin our negotiations early. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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April 19, 1938

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
Varsity Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friend Allen:

Received your letter written just before you left for Atlanta, and I hope that you will be able to come to Champaign on one of the two dates mentioned in my previous letter.

The coaches of this state have asked for you, in preference to all other coaches, to give the lecture on our clinic program which will be held on the day of the game. We expect to have about 800 coaches from the entire state of Illinois, and we have found this to be a very worthwhile thing for basketball.

Please let me hear from you as soon as you have made your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Mills

Douglas R. Mills
Varsity Basketball Coach

DRM P

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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April 13, 1938

Mr. Forrest Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear friend Allen:

Illinois has two open dates for basketball games next year, one of which we would like to schedule with Kansas if you can work a game in along with your southern trip. They are -- Saturday, December 17 and Thursday, December 22, 1938, and we could give you a financial guarantee of \$500.

The basketball clinic of course could be arranged for whichever date you choose, as the coaches in the State of Illinois have asked if it would not be possible for you to appear on the clinic program.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

"Doug" Mills

Douglas R. Mills
Varsity Basketball Coach

DRM P

April 15, 1938.

Mr. Douglas R. Mills,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Illinois,
Champaign, Illinois.

Dear Doug:

I am just now leaving for Florida and will not return until after the National Physical Education Association convention in Atlanta from April 20 to 23.

But I wanted to write you and find out what time your clinic game is to be held at Urbana next year. As I told you, I am contemplating a trip south this year, but knowing your date would help me arrange my future itinerary.

It was good to see you at the coaches' convention. I assure you it would be a pleasure to cooperate with you in the endeavor that you mentioned.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

P. S. Your letter of the 13th instant just came this morning giving me two dates to choose from. I shall write you more fully as soon as I return from Atlanta. Thank you very much.

F.C.A.

March 8, 1940.

Mr. Sam Corenswet,
Chairman Basketball Committee,
New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association,
722 Common Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Corenswet:

Your letter of March 5th addressed to Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas, has been turned over to me.

We would be very happy to enter your tournament if our conference rule permitted. However, this would take special action by the Big Six Conference.

You will remember that you and I had a conversation on this subject when we played Loyola University in Chicago in January. I think you understand that it would take some time for us to get conference action on the matter, as our group does not meet until the middle of May.

I am interested, and shall be glad to hear from you if there are any further developments.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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March 5, 1940.

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Mr. Gwinn Henry,
Director of Athletics,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Henry:

In view of the fact that, at an early date, the Basketball Committee of this Association will meet to make the selection of the two teams to participate in the Fifth Annual Basketball Classic to be held in New Orleans on or about December 27th, 1940, we will appreciate if you will write us air mail your answer to the following questions:

1. Would you accept an invitation to play this basketball game, if the same is issued to you?
2. What length of time would be required to answer, if such an invitation is issued?
3. Give name or names, title, address and phone numbers of party or parties such an invitation should be discussed with, if same is issued.

If interested, we would appreciate also the following information:

1939-40 Season record

List of 1939 personnel, stating which of the men are presently sophomores, juniors and seniors.



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This, of course, you will understand is not an invitation. However, we will deeply appreciate if you will keep confidential the fact that we have solicited the above information and, by all means, we ask that no publicity relative to this request be given the press and any information that you, in turn, give us in reply thereto will be held likewise confidential.

Appreciating in advance your immediate answer,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Sam Corenswet
Sam Corenswet, Chairman
Basketball Committee.

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AIR MAIL
REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 26, 1940.

Mr. Frank J. O'Hara,
Graduate Manager,
Athletic Association,
University of Scranton,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mr. O'Hara:

Your letter of the 20th instant addressed to the
Director of Athletics at the University of Kansas has
been handed to me.

Our schedule is not made up for next year, but when
we work on it I will definitely keep you in mind. If
we plan a trip east I will be glad to correspond with
you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Varsity Basketball Coach,
Director of Physical Education & Recreation.

University of Scranton Athletic Association
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

February 20, 1940

Director of Athletics
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Are you planning a basketball trip thru the eastern section of the country next year. If so the University of Scranton extends you an invitation to stop over in the anthracite center of the world. Basketball here is a popular sport. The University has played some of the finest teams in the country during the past several years. We are glad to extend your team an invitation to meet us on its eastern trip next season. If you will submit your dates and guarantee requirements I will send you an immediate reply.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. O'Hara

Frank J. O'hara
Graduate Mgr.

April 16, 1940.

Mr. E. S. Hickey,
Business Manager,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Eddie:

Pardon me for not answering your good letter of April 5th sooner. I find that I am still not in a position to give you any definite word because I have done nothing about my schedule. All I have done since the end of our playing dates is to try to settle up the financial obligations of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournaments that I promoted, and believe me, that is some job.

As soon as I am in position to give you any definite information I will let you hear from me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

E. S. HICKEY
BUSINESS MANAGER

April 5, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear "Doc":

In keeping with our conversation at Kansas City a list of our late games is as follows:

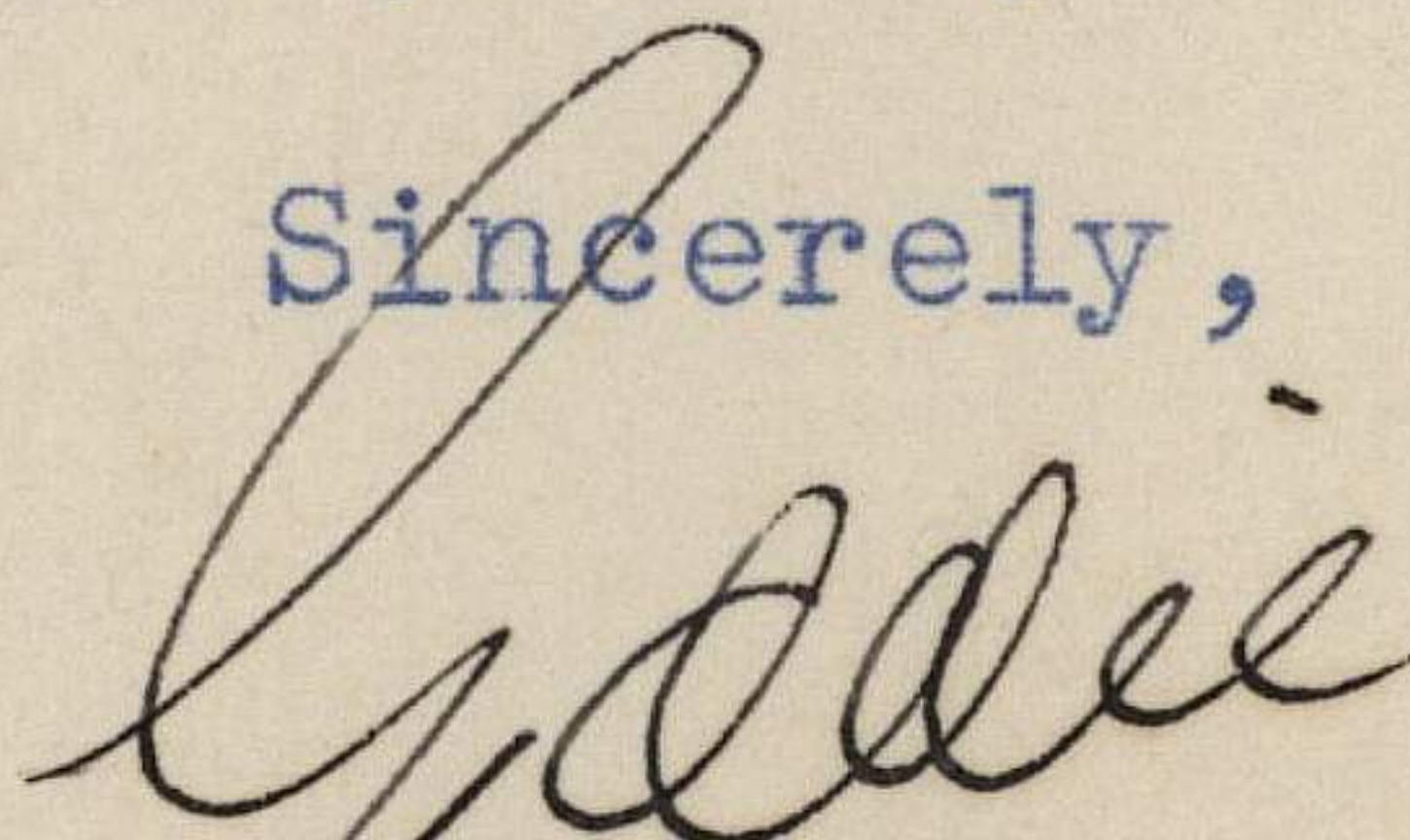
Feb. 1	Drake at Omaha
Feb. 5	Tulsa at Omaha
Feb. 8	St. Louis at Omaha
Feb. 13)	Bradley Tech at Peoria (tentative)
or	
Feb. 15)	
Feb. 20	Oklahoma A. & M. at Omaha
Feb. 24	Washington at St. Louis
Feb. 25	St. Louis at St. Louis
Mar. 1	Drake at Omaha
Mar. 7	Washburn at Topeka

We should always be interested in continuing our games if arrangements can be worked out satisfactorily. I shall look forward to hearing from you in the near future and have your suggestions if it appears we can work out a game.

I enjoyed our visit in Kansas City and also the convention. Especially the first part of the finals when our representative was ahead. Even though you were not able to win that one game your team was representative and certainly was a credit to our area and basketball in general. It is splendid that the games will continue next year at Kansas City.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,



E. S. Hickey
Basketball Coach

ESH:WH

April 16, 1940.

Mr. C. D. Errickson,
Washburn College,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dee:

Pardon my delay in not answering your favor of the 26th ultimo sooner. It was very nice of you to say the things that you did regarding our team, and I assure you that I appreciate it.

I am afraid that we will not be able to be with you next year, but I assure you that we did enjoy our trip to Topeka last year.

With best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

WASHBURN

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ELMER W. HOLM,
Athletic Director



TOPEKA, KANSAS

March 26, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
Kansas University
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

I want to congratulate you and your fine team on the splendid games played in the N.C.A.A. play offs at Kansas City last week. The State of Kansas should well be proud of you and your team.

It certainly keeps mid-western basketball on par with all other parts of the nation. You can rest assured that we are pulling for you against Indiana this week end. Best of luck!

I have had several inquiries as to whether the pre-season tournament will be held at Washburn next year. In making inquiries, I have found that Topeka was well satisfied with the tournament.

I am sure that K. U. alumni of Topeka enjoyed seeing the University team compete in this tournament and know that it did the University no harm in competing in a city of 85,000 for three nights.

I am wondering if you will be interested in participating in this tournament next year. On checking up, on the calendar, I find that the best possible dates will probably be December 26, 27, 28. I would like to hear your reaction on this tournament as soon as possible.

Again wishing you lots of luck Saturday night, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dee Erickson
Dee Errickson
Coach of Basketball

CDE:ls

April 17, 1940.

Mr. Cam Henderson,
Director and Coach,
Marshall College,
Huntington, W. Va.

Dear Cam:

Mr. Gwinn Henry passed along your letter of February 29th to my desk, but due to extreme pressure in promoting the N.C.A.A. district, western and final championship basketball play-off, I find that I have failed to answer your kind communication.

I am very sure that we will not be in a position to play you this year, but I thank you very much for your inquiry.

With best wishes for a very successful season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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