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Mr. Bus Ham, Sports Editor,
The Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear "Buster":

I am afraid that you, like other people, believe everything that you read in the newspapers. You should know better than that, Bus, being a newspaper man.

No, Bus, everything has not been awarded to Kansas City and when I give you my word it is still good, even though I am not chairman of this district play-off this year. Dr. H. H. King, of Kansas State College, is chairman, but I am on the committee and I am very sure that Dr. King will listen to some kindly advice and will lend an open and sympathetic ear to your territory when the play-off takes place.

I have no doubt that Oklahoma will have the Big Six and Missouri Valley representatives, and if such is the case, I would be one thousand per cent for putting it on in Oklahoma City. The only thing that is certain for Kansas City are the finals on March 30, and the play-off of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, - the thing that was held at Treasure Island last year. It was felt that that could be better held in Kansas City with a large auditorium than it could in any of the smaller towns, since the four districts are involved. Last year the eastern play-off was held at the Palestra in Philadelphia and the western in Treasure Island.

Anyhow, the play-off between the Big Six and Missouri Valley Conference, so far as I am concerned, will be held in Oklahoma City, if the two Oklahoma teams are in, and then I would fight like the dickens rather than to see it go elsewhere. I go out on the limb on that, and you can quote me if you wish.

Bus, you will find this - if I ever give you my word I will not re-neg on it, and I have given you my word. Now I am not chairman, as I told you, but our committee has always been cooperative and I see no reason why it should be otherwise. I had learned about the fine floor put in at Oklahoma City and it would be a pleasure for me to cooperate with you in every way possible. So just count on me as your cooperative pal on this matter.