

Lawrence, Kansas
February 23, 1940.

Mr. Henry P. Iba,
Director of Athletics,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram of this date. I immediately called you on long distance this morning and found that you were to be in St. Louis at the Melborn Hotel, so I thought I had better write you at Stillwater as you will get the full information when you return home. We are playing at Nebraska Saturday night and at Iowa State Monday, so will not return until Tuesday. I imagine this is about the time you will return to your campus.

On February 7 I received a wire from Joe Mayfield asking when the dates of the N.C.A.A. tournament were scheduled. I gave him the full data. At first, when the wire was received, I presumed it was from your office, but later I learned it was from the O. Collegian. I presume, therefore, that you have before you all the dates for the N.C.A.A. play-off.

Last year when the Rules Committee met in New York in April these dates were set. They were agreed upon because of the fact that many schools like the Pacific Coast Conference had a northern and southern play-off at the close of their regular playing season. This was to determine the Pacific Coast championship, and of course not having a champion determined before that date it would be impossible to push up the finals or semi-finals.

All of us in the Big Six Conference endeavored to close our playing season by March 1, but it was not possible to do so. Even had we done so there would have been just as long a lapse between the semi-finals and the finals as there is now. These are the same relative playing dates that they had last year. If it were not for the Pacific Coast Conference we could have pushed up our playing dates all around one week.

I realize that any schedule that you make would inconvenience someone. But I do trust that you will understand that the National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament Committee is striving their level best to do everything within their power to please every one of the competitive members.

This morning's issue of the Topeka Daily Capital, dated February 23, carries an A.P. article out of Stillwater blasting the Big Six and the N.C.A.A. for late basketball climaxes. I can not believe that they are quoting you correctly, although some of the statements they allegedly give you credit for are as follows: "I am not going to be yokeled into playing two games. We have already won our conference championship. Let them determine their winner and then we will play their champion. This whole thing should be set up in advance so that everybody would know what is coming off, because Big Six teams spread fifteen or eighteen games out until well in March. We should be going into the play-off right away, not that late when interest in basketball is beginning to lag. If the Big Six ends up in a two-way or three-way tie, it is a cock-eyed cinch those fellows will settle their own championship before we get matched up with any of them."

Now, Henry, you know that no one has endeavored to take advantage of you in any way, and if there is a two or three-way tie, certainly the Big Six would want to settle that of themselves before they would play the Missouri Valley champion in the play-off. The only reason for the extra teams in last year was because there was a two-way tie in each circuit.

Frankly, I believe that such statements that are allegedly made by you are injurious to basketball. We must permit each conference to handle their affairs as they see fit and not question the motives of any of the men in it. If the Oklahoma Aggies win the Big Six champion play-off you will find everybody behind your team one hundred per cent. Frankly, I believe the N.C.A.A. should be commended for their effort to elevate basketball beyond the promotional stage.

From all I have learned in Bus Ham's column it has always been planned that if it was an all-Oklahoma event it would be played off the week-end of March 15th, and I cannot see that it makes any difference when the Big Six champion is determined so long as they are ready to play the play-off with you that week-end.

No member of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Committee draws one penny, and I am sure you will agree they draw a lot of grief in promoting this game for the sport and for nothing else.

The personnel of this Fifth District N.C.A.A. Basketball Play-off Committee is as follows: Dr. H. H. King, faculty representative, Kansas State College, chairman; C. E. McBride, of the Kansas City Star; Bill Williams, athletic director, Drake University; George Edwards, of the University of Missouri, and myself.

It has long been a practice of the N.C.A.A. that any member of this committee who has a team in the play-off shall eliminate himself from the committee. Therefore, if either Missouri or Kansas should win the Big Six, then the coach of that school will be automatically eliminated from sitting in the committee and determining his team's chances. And too, Hank, it is impossible to set a place for the play-off until the two winners can be determined. I personally committed myself for Oklahoma City if Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. and M. won. When the two winners are determined then this committee must make the decision as to the location of the play-off, and I am sure they will be infinitely fair in every respect.

Last night Harold Olsen called me from Columbus, Ohio. I told him of the fine record that you had made and he is very anxious that you be represented in the tournament. I assured him that you had made a statement to me last year in the presence of Tom Stidham, Bruce Drake, Bus Ham and Cob Burnside at Oklahoma City that you would stick by the N.C.A.A. basketball play-off, and I am very sure that your loyalties are with the organization of which you are definitely a member. By bringing up college basketball in its finest way you are making durable contributions.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.

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DR F C ALLEN BASKETBALL COACH UNIV OF KANS

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Stillwater, Oklahoma
Feb. 23, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
University of Kansas.

Have dates for N.C.A.A. play-off been set?

Please reply Western Union Collect. Regards.

H. P. Iba.

February 22, 1940.

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
Stanford University, California.

Dear Johnny:

This is rather late to get a headline speaker for the National Association of Basketball Coaches, but I want to write you to see what you think of the possibility of getting Mr. Atherton, the Commissioner of Athletics in the Pacific Coast Conference, to speak to our group.

I imagine there is no possibility of Mr. Atherton coming east, but I thought I would write you and see if you could find out. Of course, we are trying to get out of the hole financially on this basketball deficit we faced last year, and we would have no money to pay his transportation across the country, but I am just gambling on a thousand to one shot that he might be traveling east. Or, he might be in the east going west, and if there was such a possibility we would be more than delighted - yea, overcome with joy if we could get him.

As I said, I am just gambling on a thousand to one chance but I would be thankful to you if you would check up and let me know his whereabouts and if you thought we would have a chance of getting him. Gee, it would be a knock-out to get a man like this to address our Basketball Coaches meeting. I thought of getting a G-man - not that the basketball coaches need it as much as some other coaches I know of, but it would be a swell drawing card.

Thanking you for informing me on this item, and wishing you continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

FCA:AH

March 2, 1940

H. P. Iba,
Stillwater, Okla.

Bus Ham stated three weeks ago that he had Oklahoma City auditorium engaged for March 15, 16, hoping tournament play-off would be held there. Unofficially we learned/that Missouri would frown upon a Big Six play-off if our race ended in three-way tie. Upon my return from Omaha I will try to arrange for all possible contingencies. We had expected to hold fifth district play-off either March 15 or 16 with Big Six play-off previous to those dates. Our hope is to have our district representative rested sufficiently so that they may have all power possible before March 22. Congratulations are reciprocal upon your winning Valley. Regards.

Forrest C. Allen.

WESTERN UNION

Stillwater, Oklahoma
March 5, 1940.

Dr. F. C. Allen,
Lawrence, Kansas.

The following action was taken by our Athletic Council this morning.
"It is moved, in view of the fact that no definite date has been set for the play-off in the Fifth District of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament and, furthermore, since March 18 is an open date for all possible competing teams, as well as the auditorium in Oklahoma City, that we accept the invitation of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee to participate in the national basketball invitation tournament in Madison Square Garden on March 11-15 and return to compete in the N.C.A.A. tournament."

It must be understood from this action that we are most desirous to continue our support of the N.C.A.A. and to play in the N.C.A.A. tournament which this plan of dates makes possible.

Athletic Council,

Oklahoma A. & M. College.

March 5, 1940.

Mr. Bus Ham,
Daily Oklahoman,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

We are definitely going ahead with our March 15-16 arrangements for district finals. If Oklahoma Aggies go to New York as their Athletic Council contemplated, will it be possible to play in your auditorium these two dates, provided there is a Big Six three-way tie? If auditorium not available we will play elsewhere on those dates. If, however, Oklahoma Aggies return for the 16th date, Big Six must determine their play-off before that date, the winner to play Oklahoma A. & M. the 16th.

Forrest C. Allen, Chairman,
5th District, N.C.A.A.

Lawrence, Kansas

March 5, 1940.

Athletic Council,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater, Okla.

The tournament date will be either March 15 or 16.
That has been stated a number of times and it is final as far as
I am concerned. If you desire to have your team play in New York
that is perfectly agreeable with me.

Forrest C. Allen

Chairman, 5th District.

WESTERN UNION

Stillwater, Okla.
March 6, 1940.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen.

In meeting this morning the cabinet moved that we accept the invitation of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee to play in their tournament and return by air from New York to Oklahoma City to play in the N.C.A.A. district tournament on Night of March 16.

The Athletic Cabinet,
Oklahoma A. & M. College.

Western Union

March 6, 1940.

George Edwards,
Univ. of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Oklahoma Aggies entering New York tournament but returning for
March 16th play-off Oklahoma City. Dr. King, McBride and I
feel that in the event Kansas loses to Oklahoma and precipitates
three-way tie that Big Six play-off should be held at Wichita,
Kansas, Forum, March 11 and 12, the winner to play Oklahoma Aggies
March 16th. Our district committee meeting for Big Six drawing
Kansas City Saturday morning. Wire your reaction.

Forrest C. Allen, Chairman,
5th District, N.C.A.A.

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Lawrence, Kansas
March 5, 1940.

Athletic Council,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater, Okla.

In case of three-way tie in Big Six those games will be played early week of 11th. If your team can return to play in Oklahoma City on 16th our Big Six winner will meet you then. No games will be played later. If you choose to pass up district play-off then three Big Six teams will play Oklahoma City March 15-16 and the winner will be declared the Fifth District representative.

Forrest G. Allen, Chairman,
5th District, N.C.A.A.

Oklahoma City, Okla.
March 5, 1940.

Dr. F. C. Allen.

Dates of March 15 and 16 both reserved in
auditorium. Also March 11, 12, 13 and 14 for Big Six play-
offs. Will see you Friday. Regards.

Bus Ham.

If Oklahoma A. & M. goes to the Garden and they do not return to play the night of the 16th, the three Big Six teams - Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, will play at some point to be designated on the 15th and 16th. The drawings will be made so that one team draws a bye for Friday night, and the winner of Friday night's contest will play the bye team on Saturday night, and the winner of that game will be the representative of the Fifth District in the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament. In the event that A. & M. returns from New York, then the play-off should be played the first part of the week at some designated spot.

June 5, 1940.

Mr. Henry P. Iba,
Director of Athletics,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

I am sending you herewith your share of the N.C.A.A.
twenty per cent in the Fifth District play-off in the
amount of \$135.68.

I trust that our check will be forthcoming soon.

Cordially yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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May 11, 1940.

Mr. Henry P. Ite,
Director of Athletics,
Oklahoma A. & M. College,
Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dear Henry:

There will be a check coming to Oklahoma A. & M. Athletic Association for \$185.68, which represents half of the N.C.A.A. 20% share of the net profits of our basketball play-off held at Oklahoma City on March 16.

This amount, added to the \$742.72 which was sent you, makes a total of \$928.40 for the Oklahoma Aggies.

I am very happy to say that the financial success of the Western play-off and the National N.C.A.A. play-off caused me to appeal to the N.C.A.A. Olympic and Tournament Committee, asking them to refund the 20% "take" to the schools involved. Our only desire at the beginning was to see that the N.C.A.A. tournament was a financial success.

This is merely sent for your information.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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DR F C ALLEN=

400 TICKETS BEING AIR MAILED SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY. 200 ARE AT 75 CENTS, 100 AT \$1.10 AND 100 AT \$1.65. ALSO RESERVING BLOC FOR KANSANS HERE. WILL YOU PLEASE BRING ALL UNSOLD TICKETS WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME DOWN. WHEN WILL YOU ARRIVE. WHO WILL OFFICIALS BE. ANY SUGGESTIONS IN PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE WIRE JERSEY NUMBERS YOUR PLAYERS. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WIN OVER OKLAHOMA. CITY RED HOT FOR SATURDAY'S GAME WITH AGGIES=

BUS HAM:

Earl Jones
Dick Pundleton

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Tickets have been received and
put on sale.

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Time game will begin?

8:30

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Officials ? Wire Henry Iba.

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White jersey numbers.

Call Kingkade

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✓ Harp	20
Voran ✓	13
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Miller ✓	4
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Sands	3
✓ Hunter	10
✓ Engleman	5

WESTERN UNION

Oklahoma City
March 13, 1940.

Dr. F. C. Allen.

Four hundred tickets being air mailed special delivery today. Two hundred are at 75¢, one hundred at \$1.10, and one hundred at \$1.65. Also reserving block for Kansans here. Will you please bring all unsold tickets with you when you come down? When will you arrive? Who will officials be? Any suggestions for preliminary arrangements? Please wire jersey numbers your players. Congratulations on your win over Oklahoma. Certainly red hot here for Saturday's game with Aggies.

Bus Ham

Lawrence, Kansas
March 14, 1940

Mr. Artie Eilers,
Washington University,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Artie:

The officials for the Oklahoma City play-off will be picked by the N.C.A.A. committee, and not by the Big Six. This is a ruling which has been confirmed by the Big Six.

Missouri at first contended that the play-offs should be under the auspices of the Big Six Conference, but it was agreed that it was an N.C.A.A. affair. For that reason the assignments will be made by the N.C.A.A. committee.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

cc-Reaves Peters

P.S. Artie, rather than have the N.C.A.A. handle this since the majority of the committee members for the Fifth District are Big Six members (King, Edwards, Allen, and McBride of the Star, and Williams of the Missouri Valley), I am getting touch with Henry Iba today asking him to submit his list of officials and then I, as chairman, will give him the choice of making nominations. I will pick the men from his list. I think this might be the wiser method for this situation.

F.C.A.

Lawrence, Kansas
March 14, 1940

Mr. Reaves Peters,
342 S. Chelsea,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Reaves:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter
to Artie Eilers in response to his letter of the 13th
instant.

Inasmuch as he wrote you about the
assignment of officials for the Oklahoma City play-off
I wanted you to be informed of the ruling which has
been confirmed by the Big Six; namely, that these
officials will be selected by the N.C.A.A. committee.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Manager, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament.

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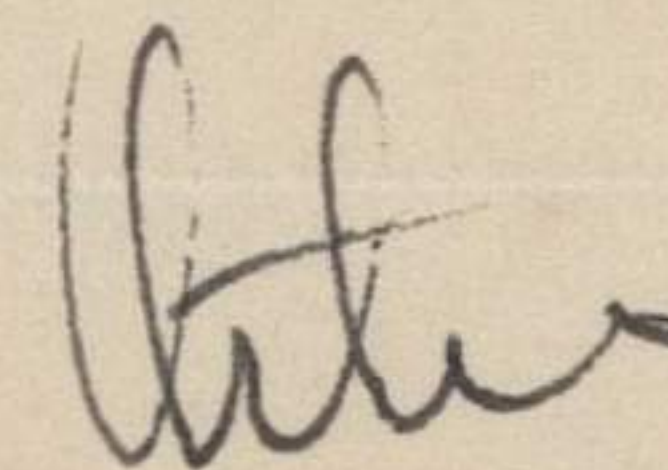
Mr. Reaves Peters
342 S. Chelsea
Kansas City, Mo.

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

Dear Reaves:

If you are making the assignments for Kansas this coming week-end against the Oklahoma Aggies in Basketball at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Aggies' choice is Carroll, Pendleton, O'Sullivan. Any two of these three would be agreeable to the Aggies. I am sending a copy of this letter to Phog Allen in order to save time should they not call upon you to make the assignments. Why not wire me on receipt of this letter either way?

Kind Personal Regards,



A. E. Eilers
Executive Secretary

Copy to Reaves Peters.

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Oklahoma City
March 13, 1940.

Dr. F. C. Allen.

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