

May 11, 1940.

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

Dear Gwinn:

At a meeting of the basketball coaches of the Big Six Conference the following recommendations were made by the coaches for the attention of the Big Six directors:

1. That permission be given to play twenty (20) games of basketball every year (this to include the holiday games).
2. That permission be granted to play basketball games on neutral courts during the Christmas holidays. The basketball coaches desire this change for financial reasons only (for the same reason that the Big Six Indoor Meet was changed to Kansas City this past year).
3. The basketball coaches went on record as favoring a Basketball Commissioner following out our present plan of selecting the two officials for each of our games with a third, fourth, and fifth alternate.

Personally, I do not believe that 20 games are too many, because we start after Thanksgiving and before the Christmas vacation. We play a few games, and then the Christmas vacation comes on, and unless we go to the expense of keeping the boys at home, a trip or a tournament seem to be the logical thing to get the boys in condition. Then we have a few games before the semester examinations which take place the latter part of January. After the examination period before school starts for the second semester we may desire a small college game to rather work the boys up into playing condition before the conference season starts for the second semester.

It seems entirely logical that twenty games are not too many when they are distributed over three separate and distinct playing periods. For three months - December, January, February and the first week in March - you have over a three-months period, which would be an average of less than seven games a month.

I would be very happy if the conference could see fit to permit us to play twenty games provided two of those games were played