

April 24, 1940.

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

Dear Gwinn:

I would like to make a recommendation through you to the Athletic Board for a gold basketball for Russell "Rub" Thompson.

Russell Thompson played three years on the Kansas varsity basketball team, his last year being 1930. He received a very severe injury at Manhattan in his senior year by being thrown violently on his back, his elbow striking the floor, which caused a streptococic infection of the elbow joint. He was in bed several weeks and suffered near permanent injury to the elbow. It was necessary to lance it a number of times, and for a great while it looked as if he would lose partial use of his arm for life.

This injury resulted in his not being able to play in the final games of the season, especially the Missouri game which was played here at Lawrence and which Missouri won 30-23, with Missouri winning the Big Six title.

Russell Thompson is the only basketball player who played three years on a Kansas team from 1922 until his time, and which time has been extended to the present time, 1940, who does not possess a gold basketball. Due to this unfortunate injury and the exceptional circumstance under which he was subjected to an injury, I would kindly recommend that Russell Thompson be given a gold basketball. If you need further details concerning my recommendation I will be happy to supply the same to you.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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