

August 24, 1942.

Mr. Ned Irish,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

Your letter of the 21st instant arrived this morning and I immediately checked up with our Athletic Office concerning the contracts with St. Bonaventure and Fordham.

The contracts were signed by Mr. Gwinn Henry, Director of Athletics, and mailed on May 11th with a letter to Carroll (Mike) Reilly, of St. Bonaventure, and to Jack Coffey at Fordham. When I first saw the carbon copy of the correspondence I noticed that Reilly's letter was sent to St. Bonaventure, New York, and thought that it should have been Buffalo, but we looked up the correspondence from him and that is their station - St. Bonaventure.

There was only one error in Mr. Henry's letter - he said the game was to be in New York City, when it should be Buffalo.

We have one copy of the contracts here. I remember Mr. Earl Falkenstien, our financial secretary, saying that the contracts had been sent in triplicate, so Mr. Henry signed them and two copies were returned. We have the third copy here.

There is one interesting angle, Ned, that might make for publicity. In 1905 I played with the Kansas City Athletic Club when we beat the Buffalo Germans in a series of three games in Kansas City for the so-called world's championship. I was right guard and the manager of the Kansas City Athletic Club team. The first game they beat us 40-36, and the next game we beat them 30-28, and the last game we beat them 45-14. Dr. Naismith refereed the third game as the two teams had had some difficulty with the previous officiating.

I noticed in Converse's yearbook of the past year a photograph of the Buffalo Germans who played in that game. They were physicians and prominent citizens of Buffalo. It might be interesting to arrange some sort of a get-together with the old-timers for that night. I remember Herdt, Faust, Manweiler, Miller, and so