

November 26, 1939.

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

Dear Gwinn:

I stopped by your home this morning to express my sincere regret to you for the unfortunate incident that happened on the football field at a time when Kansas had assumed the mastery of Missouri, both mentally and physically. I wanted to compliment you on your ability to take a very light and less capable football team as far as experience and power are concerned, and convert it into a real threat and a joy unspeakable to the Kansas fans.

The reason that I am writing this letter is to commiserate you on having your hopes blasted by such an unfortunate occurrence. You certainly were in the ball game and were definitely assuming a commanding lead. Had we been able to obtain the ball at this juncture the psychological stage was set for Ralph Miller to do his stuff when and if we held Missouri for no gains, which we would have done. But naturally this thoughtlessness on the part of one man caused a state of mental depression and a situation in which our boys could not stem the tide of this catastrophe.

I am unable to extend these words to you personally due to the fact that I am leaving for Cleveland, Ohio, at noon today to meet with L. W. St. John of Ohio State, and Olsen, coach of basketball at Ohio State, as well as with Floyd Rowe, of the Cleveland public schools, on a national basketball rules interpretation meeting for the fourth district. I will return Wednesday night or Thursday morning, at which time I will see you, and I trust by that time you are feeling better. I am just hazarding a guess as to how you feel this morning.

With assurances of my continued loyalty to you and my cooperation with the department, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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