

February 17, 1940.

Mr. D. X. Bible,
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Dear D. X.:

In all of our previous correspondence we talked about playing during Christmas vacation. Since you asked me to submit several dates that would be acceptable for your two games in Lawrence, I believe the best plan would be to ask you to outline what dates you think would be helpful to you. I had in mind the dates any time after the first week in December. If you have any other dates in mind I will be glad to have them, and I assure you we will go to any extremity in arranging them.

Congratulate Jack on his victory over Baylor. It looks as if your team will represent the Southwest Conference in the N.C.A.A. play-off in Kansas City on March 22 and 23. The new Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City is a marvelous place to play, and I believe that these games will lift the N.C.A.A. out of the basketball debt that they incurred last year when they lost money at Northwestern University at Evanston when Oregon and Ohio State played for the championship. I am hoping to show a handsome profit.

I want to congratulate you, D. X., on the definite step forward that you made with your football boys. Your boy Crane certainly made the national spotlight. But that is usually the case when the 30 or 40 other boys who have played just as hard and who do not have the ability to scintillate, consequently do not get the play that one or two of the boys get. I will be watching your development with much interest.

We are in second place in the Big Six, with Missouri out in front and Oklahoma third. But both Oklahoma and Missouri have by far the better opportunity to win. We are playing Kansas State next Tuesday at Manhattan, and on Saturday we play Nebraska at Lincoln; then the following Monday we play Iowa State at Ames. We play Missouri here on March 1, Creighton on March 4th at Omaha (non-conference), and wind up the season with Oklahoma at Norman on the 8th. Oklahoma has only Iowa State away from home, with Kansas playing at Norman their last game. Missouri is playing Kansas State tonight and they are badly crippled, and then they play Iowa State and us. So if they can win those three they have got the championship.