

September 6, 1938.

Mr. Paul E. Corlett,  
Cane Hill, Arkansas.

Dear Mr. Corlett:

I am very happy to have your letter of the 3rd instant, enclosing a check for \$4.00 for which I will be happy to autograph and send you my book, "Better Basketball".

You coach the girls using the same fundamentals of individual offense and individual defense and team offense and team defense, just the same as the boys. I coached a girls' team at Baker University, teaching them the same manipulation, the same shooting, and so on. Of course, the rules are different, but the fundamentals are not. Just remember that.

Now, you handle girls differently than you do boys. With a boy you can be more, should I say, sarcastic and more emphatic. In other words, you can ride a boy hard, and you can compliment him fulsomely. With a girl you are naturally more reserved, your criticisms are not as harsh, and your praise is not so pronounced.

Girls are intensely jealous, if you show one girl more consideration than the others. That is what the girls think about it. They think you will have favorites, and even though the best player may be so outstanding in her work that there is no doubt about it, yet many of the girls will think that particular girl is your favorite.

On the other hand, I might say that the girls' loyalties are even more pronounced than the boys'. If you win their respect and friendship, a woman has a sense of loyalty that is deeper than the man's, but she has a sense of jealousy also that is deeper than the man's. My suggestion to you would be that you be so enthusiastic in your work and guarded in your praise of any individual, so far as the girls are concerned, that they will like you immensely. There will be so many things that you can teach them that they do not know regarding basketball that they will be absorbed in learning, and that is your forte.