

May 15, 1940.

Mr. Ned Irish,
Director of Basketball,
Madison Square Garden,
9 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 26th ultimo. I have been out of town much of late on commencement and other speaking engagements, and have not had an opportunity to reply to your letter sooner.

I do not know where Lawrence Perry got the information. He happens to be a University of Missouri graduate.

Ed Kelleher has written me telling me the Garden court is 90 feet long. Apparently he has been misinformed.

I am very sorry that the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee decided it would not be advisable to make any change in the playing court in Madison Square Garden next season. I see no reason why a four-foot extension could not be possible. It would make fewer out of bounds balls and would add very much the playing under and around the basket.

It is perfectly agreeable to me to use a stitched laceless ball.

The contracts have been signed and sent forward, and I anticipate no further difficulty in our making the trip.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.