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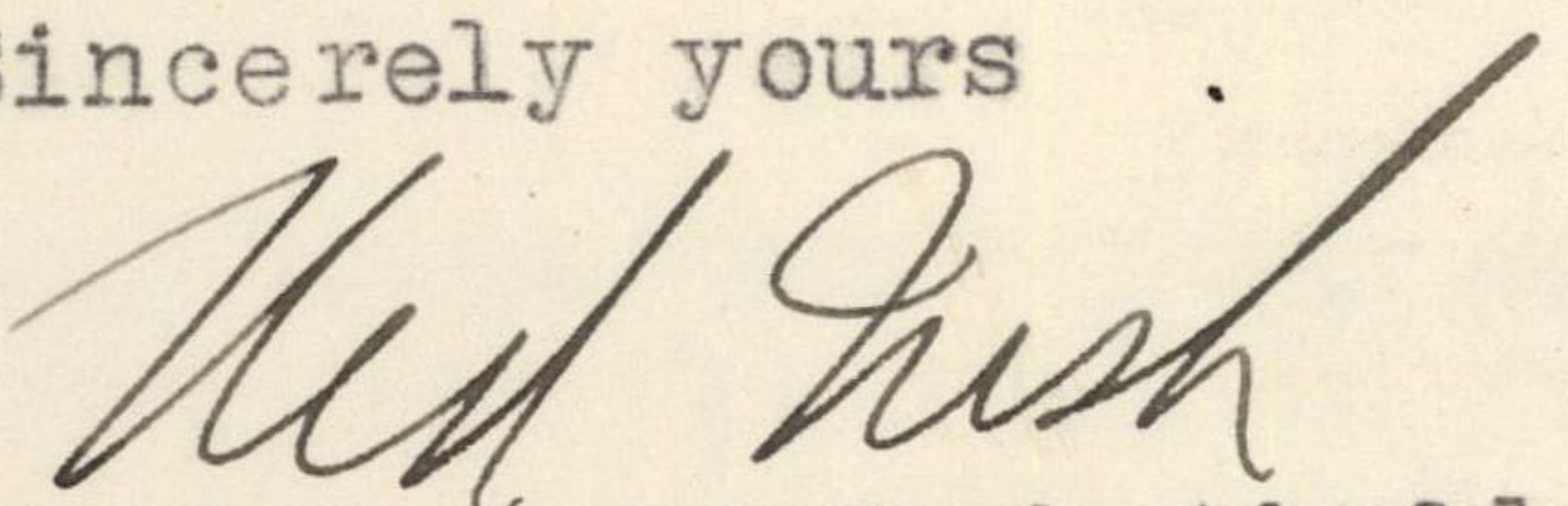
Dear Phog:

Lawrence Perry who writes a syndicated column that is carried here in the New York Evening Sun had a column several days ago, apparently, quoting or based upon some story written by Clyde McBride in the Kansas City Times-Star. This column was, apparently, based on a great deal of misinformation regarding college basketball as it is conducted here in the East.

I took the liberty of writing to Mr. Perry and am enclosing a copy of the letter which I sent to him. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mr. McBride. I trust that this meets with your approval.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee, the coaches of the teams represented on this Committee decided that it would not be advisable to make any change in the playing court of Madison Square Garden next season. They also approved to continue the use of the stitched laceless ball which was in use there last season also. I imagine that Ed Kelleher will be in touch with you directly regarding this matter, but I thought this information might be of some value to you before his communication reached you. The court, as you are probably aware, only has a 2 ft. extension ^{behind} between each basket. It is also only 82 ft. between the two baskets. This court is a great deal longer than most of the local gymnasium courts, which vary in size from 64 ft. up to 78 ft. The width is a maximum of 50 ft.

Sincerely yours


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