

October 21, 1943.

Mr. Charles Silliman,  
315 Lawrence Ave.,  
Elgin, Illinois.

Dear Charles:

I am very happy to have your good letter of the 16th and pleased that you like basketball. Dr. James Naismith, the originator of the game, said, "Basketball is a game easy to play but difficult to master." The fact that you have written me convinces me that you are endeavoring to improve your game.

Goal-Hi was originated to help the youngsters keep the ball in bounds. The basket is the center of activity, and one goal with the circular playing field permits all the fundamentals of pivoting, passing, goal shooting and guarding in a small area. And too, the goal is adjusted to the proper height so that the younger boys can use a smaller ball and a lower basket until they adapt themselves to the higher goal.

The Navy and the Army are using Goal-Hi extensively and it is a fine game where you can play in a small area.

I trust that you are quite successful in your desire to be a fine basketball player and a successful coach.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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