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Dear Frank:

Yes, indeed, I do remember you. I spoke to Mrs. Hulteen when I looked at your name and said, "I know that fellow." When I saw Philippines at the top of the page I thought the letter might be from some fellow I had never seen or heard from before. I often get such letters. But when I glanced at the first sentence and saw that you had been in my class I rather got a kick out of it.

When a fellow sits at his desk and dictates a number of letters he glances at the name first, then hastily glances over the page, so that accounted for my explanation in the preceding paragraph.

Yes, sir, you are correct. The 27.5" ball is exactly 2" smaller in circumference than the official ball should be. The soccer ball, you know, is only 27", so they have almost switched a soccer ball on you. They stamp "official" on most everything. The high school ball is 29" in circumference. The theory is that the fingers of the boys are shorter than the college players.

An official ball sells for about \$16 or \$17; but of course the Navy would get it much less than that.

There was a time when the official basketball measured 32" in circumference. As the ball was gradually reduced in size, the skill in shooting became more apparent. The one-handed shooting is the direct result of the smaller ball.

I certainly will be pleased when this thing is over so that you can come back and enjoy Mt. Oread with all the pleasantries, and with Kansas basketball thrown in occasionally for good measure. To keep you in tune with things we are putting you on the Jayhawk Rebounds mailing list - a letter that I try to get out every month to the boys in the service.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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