

March 1, 1945.

Mr. J. R. Smith,
Pleasanton, Kansas.

Dear J. R.:

I am sorry to be so late in acknowledging your good letter. I turned the bond in to Ernie and doubtless you have long since received acknowledgment of same.

Now, regarding the basketball game with Butler. The referee is not supposed to enter in any conversation with the player while he is making a choice, electing to take the free throw or accept the out of bounds play. The rule states that if the player stations himself on the free throw line ready to throw, then he is estopped from making a change in his decision as to whether he will take it out of bounds or not.

In other words, the burden is upon the captain of the team or the player, in electing which of the two plays he will accept. And as I stated, if he walks to the free throw line and is then ready to make the free throw, he is prohibited from electing to take it out of bounds by this act.

I think the referee was perfectly fair.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.