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Mr. John R. Tunis,
Rowayton, Conn.

Dear Mr. Tunis:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th ultimo.

I heartily agree with you that there are too many yes men in the country already. Therefore, in the true spirit of camaraderie, greetings from one anti to another. Indeed I am very fond of intellectual honesty, but I fear in your recent correspondence that a certain species of intellectual honesty was aborted soon after conception.

As Chairman of the Press Committee of the National Association of Basket Ball Coaches of the United States and as Chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basket Ball Rules Body, I expect to give you certain irrefutable facts bearing upon my previous statement concerning numbers playing basket ball in the United States. When I made the statement that twenty million people were playing basket ball I did not confine the number of participants to America. However, I expect to make a definite recheck on both national and foreign participants in this sport and although it may take several months to obtain this data, you shall receive an authenticated compilation of facts and figures in due time.

I was struck by the lack of coherence between the trend of the argument in your article and the thought conveyed in your letter. The underlying thought of your article seems to be "playing-games" as against "attendance-games". However, you seem to be somewhat confused at times on the differentiation between attendance games and participation games. Especially do you strengthen this belief when you say to me that basket ball "is a young man's game. You can't play it at forty. The games that are growing today are the games that older men can play." Yet, nowhere in your article was the reader made to understand that you were drawing fine lines between youth-sports and maturity sports.

I fear that you have an improper conception of sports. The game fitted for a man of forty is not