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Mr. John R. Tunis,
Care Harper's Magazine,
49 East 33rd St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Tunis:

Coming out of Cleveland, Ohio in December I purchased a copy of December's Harpers and read your story "The Changing Trend in Sports."

I assure you it was very interesting but I was struck by your failure to list basket ball anywhere near its proper place in the list of the ten fastest growing sports in the United States at the present time. In fact, you didn't mention it at all.

I understand that you quoted a manufacturer who is forced by business to keep his eye on the ball, etc. No doubt you noticed in the last month on two occasions more than 16,000 people paid admissions in Madison Square Garden to see college teams play basket ball.

In the January 10th number of "Sport Story Magazine" I have an article that sets out some of the reasons why basket ball is much further developed in the west than in the east. In the Country Gentleman in the February issue I have written another article that I would like for you to see at your leisure. I think it would very much change your idea of the game.

Only very recently basket ball has been made an Olympic sport. More than twenty million people are playing basket ball at the present time.

In our Physical Education Department here at the university, where all the high school boys are examined on their entrance every boy without exception, who is able bodied, has stated that he has played basket ball in his high school days. I have checked with other university departments and I find the same thing is true here in the middle West.

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