

June 6, 1942.

Mr. Laurence C. Turner,
Box 572,
Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Turner:

I am acknowledging receipt of your good letter of June 1, and am glad to know that you have a young son who is so interested in basketball.

Answering your questions directly, I would say that it certainly would not make your son a professional if he were coached by the basketball coach at the University of Alabama. The only way a boy could professionalize himself would be to accept money for his services. The rules state - "accepting money for athletic skill or knowledge", so it certainly would not professionalize your son.

I am glad that you get a great thrill in teaching your son and in watching him develop. I am very sure that when he goes off to college you will follow him through all of his playing days. There is nothing finer than the splendid relationship between father and son, especially when the father has coached his son in the skills that he enjoys. He will always look to you as his coach, and while he may come under other coaches it will be you who will be his first and best teacher.

I am wondering if you have seen my new book, "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, of New York. This book is profusely illustrated with diagrams and photographs, and personally I believe that this would benefit you a great deal in teaching your son. In fact, I think it would be more beneficial for you to read this book than it would be to go to the University of Alabama and receive instruction from that coach, because after all it is the elemental fundamentals that he wants to learn and we stress those very definitely in this book. The book may be purchased from Lowe & Campbell or any sporting goods firm for \$4.00, or if you care to have an autographed copy I would be glad to send it to you postpaid upon receipt of your check or money order for \$4.

With best wishes to you and your son, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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