

April 2, 1943.

Mr. John J. O'Brien, President,
American Basketball League, Inc.,
120 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear President O'Brien:

Yes, I knew of the organization of professional basketball in the East and I also knew of the stringency of playing floors due to the unavailability of the armory buildings since the war.

In 1905 I played against the Buffalo Germans, which was an independent team with a fine record, and I also knew of the development of professional basketball at that time. However, I have always been under the impression that if professional basketball would develop the character and dash of college ball it would be much more successful. The save-yourself, slow passing and stall of professional basketball I have always thought injured the game. With the large auditoria in the West professional basketball would make a lot of money.

I think the sponsors of professional football did much more with their new venture than the promoters of professional basketball.

After the war I am very sure that the professional basketball promoters will see the great possibilities of the game and develop it to its nth power.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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