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Mr. Forrest T. Allen,
Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Coach:

Your penalty for always being so generous and quick with your responses to requests for basketball information is another request.

While sitting around here waiting for separation and my return to Indiana University as director of sports publicity, I'm trying to help Branch McCracken get together a story on "How to Enjoy Basketball" for one of the magazines.

I had the feeling the story could be embellished richly by having a brief statement from some of you basketball veterans. In other words, where do you think the average fan misses the boat? What should he look for that he doesn't to get more for his money?

With that ball club of yours rolling like it is, it doesn't need any work. So sit down and knock out a paragraph for us--that's what you get for leading all these polls as the country's leading basketball coach. Seriously, I will appreciate it immensely. It doesn't have to be long or involved. Just a couple of pertinent tips on how the fan can increase his enjoyment of the game.

I hope you will say hello to Ray Evans for me, too. We all certainly thought highly of him around here. You once listed him on your all-time All-America list for me, and after seeing him I can understand why.

Best wishes for a bangup finish and thanks kindly.

Very sincerely yours

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*Naturally he
watches the ball too much
Should watch the
pattern of play of the offense
and defense.*

*The fault of the
Rules Commission
elimination of center
jump -
Hockey sized basket
shuttle basket balling
by slowing*

*Too fast and
desperate for coordinate
play.*