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Forrest C. Allen

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Dear Mr. Allen;

I am a coach of a small Ohio high school basketball team. We play the game with intentions of winning so quite naturally we play a hard fast game and make every effort to condition our players so they are ready for the rigors of the game. This year we played a schedule of 15 games out of which we won 12. Because we won a large per cent of our games the fans count this a highly successful season. As long as we are in the basketball business it is our intentions to continue a policy of attempting to win. This is not to say that we are going to cease to emphasize the vastly more important values of competitive sports. We firmly believe the two are compatible. I heard you say in Toledo last fall that "Pop" Warner had the greatest emphasis on the wrong thing when he preached "Win at any price". We are not fanatical about winning. I have kept players out of important games because I felt that at that time the stress of the game might injure the boy's health. But at that time he was not a healthy boy in some respect or another.

I read with considerable interest your article in a recent issue of "Esquire". Several things you mentioned struck me as being focal points for the thought and study of every man interested in promoting the welfare of American youth through competitive athletics and especially those connected with the game of basketball. Since I