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Dear Jimmie:

Pardon my delay in not answering your good letter of the 8th instant sooner.

I wish to say that we had very good success with the Safe Play Goggles designed and sold by Means and Ryan of Beloit, Wisconsin. Two of our boys used these goggles; Marvin Sollenberger from Hutchinson played our regular guard, and Charles "Hutch" Walker from Hutchinson played a utility position on our team, guard, center and forward. Both these boys made their letters and both boys played regular position.

Walker seemed to wear the glasses much more easily than Sollenberger. Sollenberger was always getting them knocked askew and they fogged up on him much more than they did on Walker. Somehow the glasses fit so closely to Sollenberger's face, due to a small bridge, that he had difficulty in keeping the vapor from them. However, Walker's bridge on his nose was more prominent and they did not seem to bother him like they did Sollenberger. Neither boy could have played well without them. The glasses aided their playing very materially.

For next year we are thinking of trying out the basketball "bumpers." A picture of the basketball "bumpers" appeared in the March or April number of Popular Science. The item in the magazine reads, "A transparent guard of unbreakable plastic, cut away to bridge the nose, completely surrounds the spectacles and insures them against being knocked off or shattered if struck. Supported by straps, the headgear is held away from the face by resilient pads resting against forehead and cheeks, and is said not to impair vision." You can get this Popular Science Magazine and look it up.

We have never gotten anything more successful than the goggles, but we are going to try the "bumpers."

No, I do not know of anyone who used the contact lenses which fit directly on the eyeball, although I remember talking to someone this winter regarding them but I am not clear as to just who it was.

I am very happy that the Cox family is pleased and prospering in their new location. I am happy for you. When you speak about spring practice I imagine you mean the football practice, do you not. Surely basketball is not going to start again so soon.