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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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My dear "Phog":

Congratulations on your game Saturday night at Lincoln. It must have been a thriller. We enjoyed the Mo.-KU game the other night and without question the better team won. We were agreed that we have seen better Kansas teams but that is as it should be. Your son, Bobby, was the standout in both defensive and offensive play. I know it makes you feel proud to have a son that can both interpret and execute your coaching. I have four sons and out of that number I may get one athlete. I hope so at least.

I read with interest, a few weeks ago, your suggestion that the number of players in a basketball game be increased. I am in happy accord with you on this, even without enlarging the court. Since but one-half of the court is used now except for the ten second period, why not increase the number of players to, say eight, no more than five(5) of whom can be in any one-half of court but have the privilege of interchange. Hockey rules might be invoked so that in case of fouls where free throws are allowed, remove the fouling player from the game for a period. If a foul involved but one shot, remove player for one minute. If it were a two shot foul, remove him for two minutes. This would unquestionably slow the game down and be less exacting on players.

I think with you that a game as popular as basketball should be played with a larger number--the Arkansas U. coach's opinion not withstanding. I'm sure the game can be improved and I think your suggestion a good one.

Yours very cordially,

C. A. Clingenpeel