

April 27, 1939.

Mr. Albert Crocker,  
High School Basketball Coach,  
Keosauqua, Iowa.

Dear Coach Crocker:

I am very happy to have your favor of the 21st instant.

I would recommend that the 1 5/8" maple (we call it 2" maple) be used in the longer lengths, if possible. The 4 ft. lengths are cheaper on account of the short lengths, but it does not make as good a floor. However, if you are forced to take that it would be satisfactory.

Yes, I would recommend that this new floor be laid over the old floor because it will give more spring and resiliency to the floor. The closer that you get to concrete with a floor the harder the floor will be on the legs of the players. You will develop shin splints and stiff muscles in the legs. Another thing, the closer the floor gets to concrete the more warped will be the floor on account of the dampness of the concrete.

As for the finish, you can get Seal-O-San, put out by the Huntington, Indiana, Laboratories, or the special gym floor finish put out by the Hillyard Chemical Company of St. Joseph, Missouri, either one of which is very good.

If there are any other questions that I can answer it will be a pleasure for me to do so.

May I state that "Better Basketball" is my newer book, and "My Basketball Bible" was published in 1924. So if you have read "Better Basketball" you have read my latest work, and, I think, much the better one of the two. It is very nice of you to say the things that you do about the book. I appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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