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Dr. Forrest C. Allen  
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Dear Doc:

I have your letter in regard to the tennis exhibition and have just phoned Hal Surface. It seems that Hal has not played for a month or so and feels that he could hardly do his public justice without some practice. Of course I haven't played in five or six months but then my public has gone the way of all flesh and I am not so particular. However he is very willing to come down and you can count on us for some sort of performance on the night of the 7th.

Frankly by the time you set up the court and get us started to play we would be no more than warmed up and ready to hit the ball a few times before you and the boys would be ready to do battle again on the basket ball court. I wonder if it would not concentrate the attention of the spectators more and be more interesting if we worked out something in the nature of a demonstration on some of the so called finer points of the game.

For instance I could imagine Al Burgess, the local professional, with a microphone on the floor talking and pointing out different shots which Hal and I could demonstrate. Then perhaps after the game we might have a fast doubles match between four good players whom I know I could furnish. I am afraid actual playing would be sort of a failure unless we had a little more time but we will be governed, of course, by whatever you want.

We may come down once before then and get our hand in a little and we can talk about it at that time or you can let me know which you think will be best. Don't worry, we won't let you down.

Yours very truly,



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