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Dear Phog:-

Thanks to you for your letter and all the contents that you promised me. I was hoping that you wouldn't come up with it so that I might have a chance to get that red tie to even the count.

I do hope that this incident was preformed in the spirit of a boyish prank, for far be it from me to think that I knowingly had a boy that would continue to live this sort of life. I only can hope that mistakes like this will serve as a warning of the red light ahead should they continue. At the time that this was brought to my attention by George Edwards, I was very up-set feeling that maby I had been asleep at the switch, for I felt that I was close enough to the boys that they would confide in me when they were in trouble as all basketball players should do if we do the right kind of a job. I haven't said anything to any of the boys concerning this since it came up last year, and after reading Scanland's letter think best that under the circumstances I'll let the matter drop. As for Tucker, I'm planning at the conclusion of our season find out what the trouble was.

As for the sportsmanship of my players, I can assure you that it not only looks bad for players to run their hands through a players hair when a foul is called, but dosen't help the conduct of the crowd. This will not occur again on the part of any of my players. I don't coach that kind of ball, but regardless of what happens in the heat of a battle, I don't think it ethical for a coach or player to throw up some mistake that any boy would make and who has in all probability tried to profit by this mistake. This shows preparation on the part of the coach to use this cheap means of combating chatter that is an outgrowth of enthusiasm rather than "cheap talk" that would reflect on a boys character.

Dr. I guess the action of my players in the past wouldn't convince you that my ideals as far as a basketball game is concerned is something that I hope I'll live to see. Wouldn't it be wonderful to sit thru a game that is hotly contested and hear the crowd cheer for the visiting team when play warranted it the same as the home team. And also agree on all fouls that were called by the "rabbit eared" boys ~~would call~~. I venture to say that some of these impersonators