

December 29, 1939.

Mr. Gurney W. Day,
Associate Physical Director,
Y.M.C.A.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Day:

A few years ago I made a film for the Eastman Kodak Company on "Basketball Fundamentals" for their teaching films division. In this film we showed Dr. Naismith jumping to push the ball out of a peach basket. You could doubtless get some market baskets, or a banana basket, 18 inches at the top, that will slope down to the bottom to about 10 inches.

Many college and university extension divisions have this film for rental, and you might be able to secure it in Des Moines if you care to show it. Our own University of Kansas Extension Division has the film for rental purposes, and if you would write them I am sure you could obtain it.

In this picture Dr. Naismith is shown pushing the ball out of the basket after every goal. The players wore long trousers and quarter-length sleeve shirts. Most of the balls were thrown over the head. The push shot or the under-hand shot was not employed in those days.

A picture of Dr. Naismith thrown on a screen might also be entertaining to your spectators.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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