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Mr. Wallace A. Schroeder,
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Dear Wallace:

I have been extremely busy with my recreation program as well as my teaching work in Summer School, and I have neglected to grade your papers as promptly as I should have. Your first assignment was on June 19th, but we had so many other things to do that it was difficult to get to your assignment until this past week-end.

I have gone over each one of your papers very carefully and have made notations on the margin space and sometimes at the end of the last sheet of your assignment. I am impressed with your earnestness.

I would suggest that you read the text, "Better Basketball", very carefully, especially on the individual offense and the individual defense. It would not be a bad idea for you when you read the exposition to watch the photographs closely and then stand in front of a mirror at your home or elsewhere and see if you can imitate those stances and movements. After reading a paragraph get a ball and without taking the shots go through the minuties. I suggest this practice to a good many coaches who wish to brush up on their fundamentals and without showing the outside world their weaknesses. They have failed to obtain these fundamentals while in college due to the fact that they may not have been used or they are newer to their college existence. For that reason I believe it is always well if you can see how you look in a pose before you can expertly teach someone else.

The Tales of Yesteryears, in the back of the book, are intended to awaken other teaching possibilities in the minds of young coaches. Too many individuals take the basic fundamentals and with no thought of the possibility of grandeur to the boy teach in a prosaic fashion. Every school and every community has its traditions. You can either keep alive or open up new fields for the boys' thinking and action.

Then there is the chapter on Treatment of Athletic Injuries. That is a very vital part; in fact, that is one phase of teaching that generally the teacher knows less about than any other specific problem that he has to contend with. It is for that reason that a person who is gifted in these values will win