

I have coached football, basketball, baseball and track, so have had rather a varied experience as a coach. Also I have athletic trainers at five of the large schools in the country, all of whom I have developed: Jimmy Cox at Harvard University, Roland Logan at West Point Military Academy, Milton "Mike" Kelly at the University of Texas, Elwyn Dees at the University of Nebraska, and Dean Nesmith at the University of Kansas here. You will recall the correspondence we had last year.

Now, regarding the razy dazy game of basketball, the fact that I am chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee, and also chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Fifth District, would give me plenty of opportunity to express myself regarding the exacting strain and grind that the participants are subjected to.

I have suggested that we rotate the center jump, just as you would have a batting order in baseball. The two coaches would give their line-up and we would have the players rotate for the jumping in their regular jumping order. Personally, I do not believe that the center jump will ever come back, and you could, of course, state that. But I do believe that basketball as it is played now is too strenuous for the high school boy unless we slow it down after a field goal.

I will be glad to advance the theory and collaborate with you on taking a crack at this hurricane game of basketball that the public thinks they like but they are sacrificing skill and speed and causing too much of a strain on the growing boy. The game as we play it now under the rules may be okay for college boys but it is not right as it is played now for high school boys.

I rather like the last paragraph of your letter and if you will write me and tell me when you expect to work out this yarn I will give you the dates of when we started the coaches association and any other information that you want regarding the background of my association with Dr. Naismith. I can add a lot more as soon as I hear from you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach

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