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Dear Jerry:

Better Basketball arrived in good shape and thank you for returning the same. Yes, Miller's loss is causing us some concern, but we will have to play without him this year.

I am also acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 24th instant regarding the basketball yarn that you spoke of. I assure you that I will be very happy to cooperate with you in any way that you desire.

I believe you can get up a swell story because I had known Dr. Naismith for 40 years, and was associated with him for 35. That means only 15 years of the game that he and I had no connection whatsoever.

Secondly, I have had a pretty successful basketball coaching record with Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas; Haskell Institute here at Lawrence; then the Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg; and for the last 22 years I have been here at the University of Kansas.

Now the third reason: I am not a medical doctor but an osteopathic physician. I was injured in playing football in western Kansas, and after having been unsuccessfully treated for five years by medical doctors, an osteopath corrected a bad sacro-iliac sprain, and because of that it made such an impression on me that I studied it for the benefit that I could give to other people, especially in the coaching field. Last year Eddie Shore of Springfield, Massachusetts Hockey Club sent one of his players here from Springfield for me to work on. I have them come to me from all over the United States, but we do not publicize that.

Here is the thing, Jerry, that I wish you would not do. Do not mention osteopathy, but you can say I am a physician, and that causes no hard feelings. I have uncles, nephews, and my own son who is playing on the basketball team is graduating this year with an A.B., but all his work is pre-medie and he is going to Harvard after this year's graduation to take his medical work there unless the war interferes, and it may.

While I was athletic director here at the University I founded the Kansas Relay, and about ten years ago we founded the National Basketball Coaches Association, when the Rules Committee took the dribble out of basketball.