

P.S. (Mr. Ralph Cannon)

Marshall Diebold, the director of athletics at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, has written me a letter saying he received a letter from you recently asking that he prepare an article for your magazine in the form of a defense of modern basketball. The two questions are as follows:

1. Does modern basketball require more stamina, better health, and condition than when you played?
2. Does modern basketball represent a health hazard?

He asks that I be kind enough to write a brief statement relative to the two questions mentioned. He further states that he is at a loss to understand why you asked him to write the article, but possibly it is merely the duty of the secretary of the National Association of Basketball Coaches to collect the opinions of the coaches of this country and formulate them into an article.

You can naturally see, Ralph, why I would not want to answer that question immediately because I have already answered that in my article. Will you kindly keep this confidential because Marsh is a very good friend of mine, and while I want to cooperate with him, I will answer him telling him that I am preparing an article for you. In that article I have stated what I consider the hazards to health in modern basketball. After you have seen my article and passed on it, one way or the other, then I will be in position to answer Marsh more elaborately.

When you reply I would be glad to have you give me your opinion of this situation from your angle.

F.C.A.