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Mr. Arnold Gingrich,
Editor, Esquire,
919 No. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Gingrich:

I have filled out the questionnaire on the Esquire Sports Poll and mailed it to you. This thought occurred to me later - that I should have given you a little background so that our opinions that we based our judgments on could be weighed a little more carefully.

I saw the Maxie Baer- Carnera fight and the Joe Louis-Maxie Baer fight. The reason why I picked Dempsey was because of the fact that Dempsey could take punishment and he could deal it out as effectively as he could absorb punishment. While Joe Louis was hard to hit it has been the opinion of a great many followers that he had a semi-glass jaw.

I have always been of the opinion that Louis's left is as quick and as dangerous as a cobra's thrust, but I do not believe that he could have taken Dempsey's battering even in his palmiest days.

For ten years I was chairman of the Kansas State Boxing Commission and saw a great many fights, and my judgment is based on this and other experiences that I have had as a boxer and as one who has been very enthusiastic about the sport from the skill angle and not the standard of sportsmanship that is generally shown in the professional ring.

I have always followed baseball very closely, having played here at the University and played semi-pro ball, but I did not care for the professional side. I think the American League is much the stronger organization, but the National has the close races and that, after all, is the thing that creates interest.

I wish that I might have had time to elaborate more fully on each question asked, but this has been the opening of our enrollment here at the University and I have been terribly rushed. I trust in the future if such questionnaires come to me I will have more time for elaboration.

Very sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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