

May 23, 1942.

Mr. C. E. McBride,
Sports Editor,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mac:

This is water over the dam, but I am sending you for a definite purpose correspondence of Valentine Lentz, basketball coach at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, and my reply to him. You will notice he wrote me on August 7, 1941, and I replied on August 30. This was quite some time ago, but at that time I definitely indicated to him that the leadership in the National Basketball Coaches Association would be the means of splitting up the Basketball Rules Committee.

On November 19, 1941, Nels Norgren, the president of the Basketball Coaches Association, wrote me asking that I reconsider my decision not to serve as chairman of the rules committee of the Coaches Association. My reply dated November 21, 1941, is self-explanatory.

Blair Gullion, of Cornell, Nat Holman of C.C.N.Y., and Valentine Lentz were the boys that caused most of the trouble at New Orleans.

H. V. Porter is the executive secretary of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Association. I sent Porter a copy of the letter that I wrote George Edwards, together with Edwards' letter to Gwinn Henry. I am sending you a copy of his reply. You can see now why I told Edwards certain things I did in my reply to him concerning the letter he wrote Gwinn Henry.

I do not believe that I go off half-cocked in these things because I have been in the association long enough to endeavor to do constructive things for the game of basketball, rather than to receive personal aggrandizement in an executive capacity.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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