

JOE FISHER BASKET BALL CLUB

AN ORGANIZATION OF
Sportsmen - Athletes - Gentlemen

PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
Pekin, Illinois

April 29, 1937.

Dear Sir:

Just a line to congratulate you and your boys upon the fine showing made during the season just closed on the basketball floor. I had the pleasure of working in one of your games and seeing your team in action several times during the past season and want to congratulate your team upon the ability to play and splendid sportsmanship shown.

Your team conducted itself on par with the best high school and college fives I came in contact with during the past season.

In closing let me congratulate your sponsor for the fine piece of work he is doing in making such a thing as this possible for a fine group of young men.

Very truly,
A. G. HAUSSLER,
Director of Athletics
Pekin Community High School
Pekin, Illinois.

FISHER'S TAKE BASKET CROWN

KEWANEE HIGH SCHOOL
Kewanee, Illinois

May 3, 1937.

Mr. Donald Ewing,
Manager, Joe Fisher Basketball Team,
104 Fredonia Avenue,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I am very glad to write a letter of recommendation for the Joe Fisher Basketball Team based on what I saw of them in competition here in Kewanee in the Y.M.C.A. Tournament.

I thought that your team was the smoothest independent basketball team that I saw in action all season long. The ability of the individual team members was self-evident and the way in which they worked together for a team unity, was something not often seen in independent competition.

Speaking from both an official's standpoint and also from the comment heard in the spectator's group, I want to compliment them on their conduct on the floor and the sportsmanship which they exhibited. The team management seemed to be very efficient and their presence in the Y. tournament was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Sincerely,
ROSS ANDERSON,
Director of Athletics.

PEORIA TEAM WINS MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TITLE
CENTRAL OILERS ARE
BEATEN IN 30-29 THRILLER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Peoria, Illinois

May 1, 1937.

Donald Ewing,
104 Fredonia Avenue,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Donald:

During the last basketball season I followed with lively interest all our local teams. In my college days and while attending the University of Chicago, I played on University teams and so naturally the love of the game has stayed with me in these later years.

Among the teams I have seen play in Peoria this past season is the Joe Fisher team. Some of the men on this team I know personally, which made my interest the keener in estimating them.

I will say that I was impressed with the high type of young men playing on the team. And there was abundant evidence of skill at the game which so delights the trained eye of one who knows the game himself.

And one other thing of prime importance in athletic competition, and very generously in evidence in all your games I have seen, is the quality of good sportsmanship. Spectators delight to see a team play hard and fast and at the same time show that they are clean in hard competition.

Sincerely,
GEORGE W. CHESSMAN,
Minister of the First Baptist
Church of Peoria, Illinois.

PEORIANS GRAB KEWANEE TITLE

HEADLINES TAKEN FROM—

Daily Hawkeye-Gazette, Burlington, Iowa

Peoria Journal-Transcript.

Star-Courier, Kewanee, Ill.

Peoria Star.

Y. M. C. A.
Burlington, Iowa

May 17, 1937.

Mr. Donald Ewing,
104 Fredonia Avenue,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the "Joe Fishers" on their display of sportsmanship, ability, conduct and management. They were no doubt the best dressed team in the tournament; and from the sportsmanship angle, were rated one of the best.

Their team work appeared to be the best organized of any team in the tournament and their conduct on the floor and off floor was the best that is possible to show.

We hope that your team will come back to Burlington and display this same attitude; because most of the independent teams are short of this very thing.

Sincerely yours,
G. D. McBRIDE,
Physical Director.

Joe Fisher's Quintet Nips Coalers for "Y" Championship

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
Peoria, Illinois

May 12, 1937.

Mr. Don Ewing,
104 Fredonia Avenue,
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Don:

When I saw you the other day I was reminded that I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed watching your basketball team during the past season.

It seems to me you have gathered around yourself a group of fellows who are not only good athletes, but gentlemen as well. They played a hard, fast, clean game of ball. I think they are a great outfit.

There is no particular reason in my writing this letter except I know you worked hard to get the team together and to keep them going, and I thought you would like to know that some folks recognize that you did a fine job.

Sincerely yours,

W. G. SCHMIEDERER,
Director of Program for Boys.