

H. López Rebolledo to F. C. Allen - June 27/40

Dear Doctor Allen:

Rec'd. your letter of June 3/40. answering & sending in same mail the public pamphlet of the last So. American Championship which has the data on how basketball has developed here. Basketball is second only in popularity to football.

Montevideo has a big football stadium (80,000 people) - by practically no indoor courts for basketball. & the outdoor courts are very rough. Our neighbors, the Argentines, have several indoor courts with small spectator space. The Brazilians have the best playground in So. Amer. in the Stadium of Pacaembu (San Paulo) - [It was inaugurated by 3 Uruguayan victories - In Rio de Janeiro are also good stadia with enough room for spectators - In Chile, situation poor as ours; while in Peru is a great stadium of lumber imported from No. Amer. & built by my good friend Paul Crawford of "N. Thomson Globe Refiners" & was coach for a while in Peru. Another No. American coach replaced him - Peru uses American technique of play as does Brazil.

[General discussion of Uruguayan technique in basketball]

Basketball encouraged by champions, company teams and clubs. The South American Basketball Championship ranks number one in local athletic interest.

Use zone defense system predominant altho some use man to man - In general the method of offense is the pivot-pass with many variations - the screen is hardly used - The system in my club (Tranville) was used for 3 seasons up to last yr. an attack system characterized by simple passing, sure & short; it is based on the "rolling defense" and advance of all five men.

Excuse my lengthy discussion of our basketball situation - it may be of interest to you.

Hope to hear from you again soon - It is possible that an international contest between the boys of N. U. & our teams. N. U. teams coming here might do much to introduce No. Amer. equipment.

Let me hear of any suggestions from you, etc.