

June 12, 1940.

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Dear Mr. McElroy:

I feel very apologetic in not answering your valued correspondence of May 17th regarding Goal-III equipment. Indeed I am interested in the suggestions that you make.

May I state that your letter arrived just at the time that I was in the midst of commencement address out over the state. Our Conference Meet was at Lincoln, Nebraska, one week-end and then I had about seven commencement addresses that took me away from my desk, and that coupled with examinations and so forth precluded the possibility of my answering your letter when I should.

Your suggestion that we put out a mimeographed sheet with the rule book listing the difference between Goal-III rules and regulation basketball has been sent to the Fred Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Missouri. It was our feeling when we wrote the book that so many youngsters fail to purchase rule books. Special rules were written for this game to provide these youngsters with this book. I know hundreds of high school basketball players who played through their four years of high school and have never read a rule book. Our thought was that if we furnished these books with the Goal-III equipment the coaches would easily recognize what few differences existed, but for the youngsters we thought it would be a good thing for them to read the rules.

Since the Medart Manufacturing Company is making these goals and handling the distribution of information on the rule books I am happy to pass this suggestion on to them. I agree with you, Mr. McElroy, that it represents a service which doubtless they will want to incorporate. However, I found that there were so many changes when the two books were compared that the Goal-III rule book was a good instrument to have. I am sorry that this caused you so much inconvenience and loss of time in ferreting out the differences.