

February 27, 1943.

Mr. Arthur Kay Gardner,
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Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I have read your letter very carefully and I think you and your committee did exactly what was right in the matter. Whenever there is an argument in regard to the playing time, the officials shall decide in favor of the longer playing time. Whenever there is a dispute in regard to the score, the officials shall decide in favor of the smaller score unless the official has positive knowledge otherwise.

So, according to that ruling, the score would have been a tie. But after checking the score book, as you people did, and found that it was a tie the only thing to do was to play the game over. Had it been discovered at that time you would have played an additional five minutes. But mature wisdom and better administrative procedure would be to play the entire game over.

The reason that many of these questions and answers have been eliminated from the rule book is because of the fact that now the referee says to the scorer - You are the official scorer - You are the official timer. And there are very few arguments between the timers and the scorers as there were in the early days.

Assuring you it is a pleasure to give you any testimony that I might have for the benefit of the game, and thanking you for your very gracious letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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