

March 24, 1942.

Mr. Max B. Gardner,
Spanish Fork, Utah.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 20th. I appreciate very much what you had to say about our game with Colorado. We had two chances to score, but the boys were over-anxious and missed a couple of shots under the basket. Ralph Miller, one of our aces, became very ill after our game with Oklahoma Aggies, and was hardly able to play at all in the games with Colorado and Rice. But we are making no complaint. I say if you can't afford to lose, don't play.

I have written a book entitled "Better Basketball", which I think you would find very valuable in your coaching. The book is published by McGraw-Hill and Company, and sells for \$4.00. If you should desire an autographed copy I would be glad to send it to you postpaid upon receipt of your check or money order for \$4. I am enclosing some descriptive material to show you something of the contents of the text.

We use both a fast break and a set offense. This is explained in "Better Basketball", and after you have read the book if you have questions refer to the page and I will be very happy to answer any questions that you may ask. When we outnumber the opponent (two on one, three on two, or four on three) we use the fast break, but when the defense is equal in number to the offense we set the plays up.

Certainly, good material with good coaching produces good teams.

Yes, we use the zone defense, but we use the stratified transitional man for man defense. This is explained in the book. All the plays we use are suitable for high school boys. One summer at Culver Military Academy I took boys 14 to 17 years of age and used the same plays that I teach my varsity teams. They are very simplified - I do not believe in making them too complicated.