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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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Dear Dr. Allen:

In March, 1921, my father started the Athletic Journal and I am now trying to carry on his work as far as the Journal is concerned. For the March, 1941, number I thought it would be interesting to make the theme of this anniversary issue, "Twenty Years of Athletics".

I have gone through the early issues and find that you were one of the earliest contributors in basketball. Therefore, I am turning to you first of all for the basketball review. What I have in mind is to show the progress that has been made in basketball during the two decades. How have the offense and defense changed? How do you account for the great popularity of the sport? These are a few questions that come to my mind, and I know you will have much more to include in an article of 1500 words. I recently heard my mother say that she believed Dr. Allen's article on Terminology in Basketball some years ago had done much to make for uniformity in the articles that come to us. We notice a great improvement.

I am enclosing an air mail addressed envelope, asking you to reply at once if you can do this for us. We should have the manuscript by the 20th of this month.

I will appreciate your help, as I believe this article will be most interesting as well as serving as an historical record of basketball in the years to come.

Yours very truly,

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