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Cape Girardeau Mo.

Dear Dr. Allen

I enjoyed your book very much. I've read all but the chapters on emergencies and medical treatment for the injured players. I found "Tales of Yesteryears" very interesting and Mother and Grandmother were both interested in the stories about Warrensburg. I made a book report to my school class. It proved to be very interesting.

Our school has a basketball team on which I am now playing forward. We were greatly handicapped this year for our coach, Joe McDonald of Cape's MIAA championship team, was made assistant at Central High School. In our city junior high league, we have three schools, Washington, May Green, and our school Franklin. Our first game we lost to May Green 20 to 7. May Green defeated Washington 10 to 7. Our next game with Washington was on our own court and we took it 12 to 6. Two days later we played May Green on our own court. Against Washington we had used a sinking man to man defence and thinking that we were a little green they didn't expect that we might try a zone against them. It was hard for us having very little practice time. But we had an advantage, they were cocky after that 20 to 7 win. Our zone ckicked fairly well on our narrow courts and we took a hard fought decision 13 to 10. We have one more game with Washington, there.

Your book has given me much needed help as we missed our good coach. I was very much interested in the section on screening. We used several screen plays this year and scored some points, but on our small courts they sometimes got tied up.

Thanks again for such an interesting and instructive Christmas present.

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Yours truly,

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