

May 10, 1943.

Mr. Lee P. Benton,
37 Commonwealth Avenue,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Dear Lee:

The basketball season is over and I guess it is not necessary to advise you not to get in that league. I would say that basketball is too strenuous for you, but doubtless you went ahead and played a good game. I certainly would not advise it for a friend or relative of mine. Handball is strenuous enough. Volley ball is the thing that would be just about right for a busy man, such as you are.

Volley ball would provide you with a lot of social contacts, friendly relations, and so forth, without that hypertension that exists in basketball or in handball. A fellow who has to get up the next morning and have all the zip that a salesman has - well, its just a little too much, I would say.

I would like to write you a long paragraph and tell you how we coach our boys not to foul. It is a matter, of course, of individual defensive fundamental teaching. We teach the boys not to foul but it is founded upon good fundamentals. Pulling the arms back and keeping the forearms on a line with the body rather than overlapping is one of the first fundamentals, and then the underhand cut rather than the overhand, using the extension under. But I will wait until I meet with you before I go into the explanation of teaching you this new non-fouling game.

Rather than to write you a longer letter I am sending you a mimeographed letter that I have written to all the boys in the service. This will give you a resume of all the basketball season and will also tell you that Mrs. Webster and Earl Falkenstien have moved over in Mr. Klooz's office. Thank you for sending me the picture of Jack Ballard cheering in the Great Lakes game. It really is a good picture of the big scamp, isn't it?

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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