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Dear Phog:

I have your letter of March 11 concerning the changes in the rules which went into effect during the past season. Personally I am very much pleased with the results, and when I say "personally" I mean the results as I have viewed them with my own eyes, and the testimony that has come to me from many and varied sources. So far, the opinion is almost unanimously in favor of the ten-second rule, and only slightly less favorable toward the three-second rule. The questionnaires have only just begun to come in and therefore I cannot give you the verdict from that source, but I anticipate that the questionnaires will verify the opinions that have been expressed to me in conversations and through direct correspondence.

Before the season opened I received a number of strong protests against the changes, but once the season was underway these objections subsided almost entirely. I am still marvelling over the fact that changes which affected so drastically the complexion of the game as played in many regions could function so smoothly the first season. The game has been faster, scores higher, and the bucket play has practically disappeared.

You will recall my statement last April to the effect that I hoped my fears about these unseasoned changes would prove to be groundless, that I intended to support the changes whole-heartedly, and that I hoped to be able to state a year hence that they had accomplished all that their sponsors claimed. My confession is now ready and I congratulate you and others who pushed the ten-second rule.

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