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time out was a rare occurrence. We usually played the entire game without interruption for rest, psychology, or injury, and substitutions were infrequent. I played four years of college basketball, every minute of every game during the last three years, and asked for time out for myself only once in all those games. And there was no delayed offence or zone defence; it was man for man all over the court. Is the present game so strenuous that each team must use three or more time-outs, making six two-minute interruptions in the majority of our games?

I am not one of those who think that hockey is going to supersede basketball, but we can learn something in this respect from hockey. Saturday night on my way home I saw a professional hockey game in Boston. There was not a time out for rest in the entire game; if a player was injured he left the game at once, returning when he had recuperated. Sixty minutes of actual play, and two intermissions of ten minutes each spanned less than an hour and forty minutes from start to finish.

My suggestion about personal fouls is prompted in part by this same trouble as well as a desire to make our penalties fit the crime. Probably my present solution is not the best one, but it is something to shoot at.

Pardon me for intruding on your vacation. Whether you can give these matters any thought or not before the meetings next week, we shall be glad to have your views at that time. Don't bother to write an answer to this letter.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Allen and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Oswald Tower.