

September 29, 1944

Mr. S. W. Jackson,
Department of Highways,
Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Rather belatedly I am answering your kind letter of February 16, 1944.

I have not been on the Rules Committee for a couple of years and at the present time I am letting the Rules Committee work out their own problems. I was much interested in your recommendations and did appreciate your writing me, and feel very guilty in not acknowledging your fine letter sooner.

In sitting in with the rules makers in previous years they have shied away from suggestions such as the one you make. I can see the logic in your argument by removing the tall players further away from the basket for free shooting. I further agree with you that 52% of all the games are won on free throws. But the Rules Committee have consistently refused to make rules that discriminate between various players.

I suggested the taller basket to do away with rules which are now discriminatory in that they permit an offensive player to dunk or slap the ball into the basket, even toughing any part or all of the basket many times, while the defensive player is not permitted to touch the ball while it is on the basket or above the cylinder.

Perhaps basketball has enough qualities to make it enhancing even though the rules are not all to our liking.

Thanking you for your good letter, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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