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Mr. Lyle T. Quinn, Executive Secretary,  
Iowa High School Athletic Association,  
Boone, Iowa.

Dear Lyle:

Naturally I would like to have some contact with basketball since I have been steadily coaching it since 1907 and have been steadily at it, and since this is my major sports activity I would much prefer to teach that than to teach treatment of athletic injuries. Of course, I specialized in the treatment of athletic injuries for the reason that I realized so many coaches knew so little about the machine they were working with.

I had seen where the key man on a team had been knocked out so many times and after the injury to the man the team went into a tail-spin. This applied to all major sports. Therefore, I reasoned that if I could keep the same combination in the game I could win many more games than if I lost the key man.

I received an injury in 1905 playing football and for two years I suffered with a severe sacro-iliac which impaired my athletic efficiency no end. Therefore, I resolved to do something about it so the fellows who should come under my observation would be taken better care of than I was, and this was the motive that prompted me to study.

I am very proud of the men that I have out in the field whom I have trained. Milton Kelley, at present head trainer at the University of Texas, Jimmie Cox, head trainer at Harvard University, Roland Logan who was at West Point and is now in the Southwest Pacific, Elwyn Dees who was at Nebraska after having served Oklahoma Aggies and the University of Pittsburgh, and who is now at Iowa Pre-Flight, and Dean Nesmith, our present trainer. All of these boys were athletes at the University of Kansas and during their undergraduate days I taught them the fundamentals of athletic training.

If you care to, you could invite any of the athletes in or varsity coaches who have had injuries, or high school boys of the state who have so-called incurable ankles, knees and shoulders received in athletic contests. I remember several years ago I taught basketball for five summers at Springfield, Mass., Y.M.C.A. College. I also gave the course in treatment of athletic injuries. During the school session many athletes from around Boston came down. One case in point was Eddie Shore who played on the Boston Hockey team and who later managed the Springfield, Mass., team and is now the manager of the Buffalo Hockey Club. Eddie Shore came in