

October 9, 1941.

Mr. Les Freeburg,  
Lowe & Campbell Athletic Goods Co.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Les:

I am returning one of the balls that we bought from Frank Mandeville, which has developed a case of "donkey ears".

I tried Rawling and Riddell balls last year and they did exactly the same thing - they all peeled off the rubber base.

The history of this particular ball is that we have used it less than two weeks, three times a week - for about six practices, and it had the usual wear of a varsity basketball. Will you kindly send us one to replace it? I hope that you won't have this repaired and returned, but will send a new one.

I found last year when the Rawling and Riddell balls were repaired they peeled off again, and I believe the factories should perhaps make good with a new ball. I am just entering again a friendly protest against the molded ball because it does not hold up and it does not have the life of a leather ball. This is exhibit number one. Perhaps the other balls that we will try will not show a defect so rapidly, but I am endeavoring to submit all the imperfections so that the factories may more readily correct them.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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