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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
Coach of Basketball,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

First I want to congratulate you for having had another splendid basketball team and for having gone undefeated through your Conference schedule to another Championship. I enjoyed working in several of your games. You had a great bunch of boys who could come through when it was needed.

I worked in the Oklahoma-Oklahoma A.& M. series and those games indicated to me rather clearly that we should have some kind of a rule to protect a team against the abnormally tall player. I contend that if an offensive team can work the ball in for a scoring opportunity and get their shot away, they should not be deprived of an opportunity of scoring two points just because the opponent has a monstrosity parked under their basket who can jump and reach the ball above the basket, yet not in the 18" cylinder protected by the present rule.

Iba played his seven foot center for about three quarters of the game at Stillwater and he intercepted about every shot that Oklahoma took. Twice goals were allowed for his getting his hand in the restricted area above the goal. The Oklahoma players were bewildered by not being able to get a shot to reach the basket and had to resort to banking their shots.

I suggest one of two rule changes or both. The goals can be raised to a point where the big player can not reach the ball which would virtually eliminate him as an effective player, or we can have a rule that will prohibit the defensive team from touching the ball after the offensive team has successfully gotten a shot away, until the ball has either made or missed the goal. - tall

I shall be interested in learning what you may think of these suggestions. I know that you have been an advocate of raising the baskets, for years.

Cordially yours,

John F. Lance,
John F. Lance.