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Dr. Forrest Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

Ever since I was in Junior High School when I was becoming vitally interested in basketball as an ideal form of recreation and exercise, I have been an ardent admirer of your splendid leadership in basketball. I have read and have copies of your "Basketball Bible" and also the newer edition, Better Basketball. Naturally too I have read with real interest the various articles that I have seen in magazines. All in all I have been a real student of basketball, and no small part has been in the reading of Allen writings.

As I was talking with W. F. Arnett, a jeweler in Longview, Washington now, he was telling me of some of his earlier basketball experiences, and he also told me of your early career. He apparently knew you best when you were at Baker University

I have a much prized letter signed by Dr. Naismith to whom I was introduced by an old school friend of the famous Doctor. Now I wonder if you might have time to write me a letter answering the following questions:

1. What is the best way to get the complete rules revision immediately after the meeting for that purpose?
2. At what age is it advisable to stop playing basketball if the individual takes proper care of his body?
3. As a general rule what type of defense do you think is most successful for high school play?
4. Do you think that for those who really love to play basketball, they can get stale?
5. Do you favor state tournaments?

Thank you and I am
Sincerely yours,

Burton C. Lemmon

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Basketball Coach, Clover Park High School
I coached Bellfountain Hi to Oregon State Title in 1937.