

August 9, 1939.

Lt. Col. Louis E. Hibbs,  
Graduate Manager of Athletics,  
U. S. Military Academy,  
West Point, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Hibbs:

I have been asked by Mr. Valentine Lentz, the varsity basketball coach at St. John's College at Annapolis, to write you concerning his qualifications for a position at your institution.

I have known Mr. Lentz as a member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches for a number of years. I have always found him a highly intelligent gentleman, who is aggressive, purposeful and efficient. Mr. Lentz has always served on the councils of the National Basketball Coaches Association, and two years ago was chairman of the Research Committee. As chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada, I found much aid and pleasure in working with my colleague for the betterment of the game of basketball.

Mr. Lentz is very popular with his colleagues, and I am sure that should he be fortunate enough to be considered by your institution that you will obtain a very valuable coach.

Roland Logan just dropped by the office to say hello. He received his training here and we were glad to hear the fine things regarding the progressive improvements in building facilities that are taking place at the Point. A few years ago I dropped by to see my good friend, Major "Biff" Jones, who at that time was acting in your position of Graduate Manager of Athletics. Logan tells me that Leo Novak is relinquishing his basketball duties. I knew Leo when he was coaching at Cedar Rapids High School prior to his going to the Point. I would be glad to be remembered to him.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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