

not be sanctioned as an optional board for this year. Therefore, I, as one of the committee members, would rather see the entire matter left for experimentation for this year and have something to present to the committee for next year. I am so writing Mr. Porter to that effect, and I am enclosing a copy of my letter. You can see why many coaches would not adopt the convex board as an optional board this year because the opponents would object to playing on a convex board after they had practiced on a flat board.

All the Rules Committee members in New York expressed themselves favorably regarding the convex board, but many of them said they wanted to try it out first.

Yes, the two dimensions that I gave you were the two dimensions that were to be included in the Rules Committee minutes, but they were for me, as chairman, to work out with my research committee. I was expecting to take this matter up with the research committee, but apparently Mr. Porter and Mr. Tower did some work while they were still in session.

Let me suggest that you work very closely with Porter and Tower, and of course I will be glad to do everything that I can. But since Porter is leading out with this I would keep close to the source of activity. I would be guided in my actions by what Porter suggests, because Porter is in a good position in the high schools to have any of his high school people erect boards under his direction and do the research work that he desires. For that reason I have always had a very liberal attitude toward giving Mr. Porter attention in the research work. He has the facilities to work with.

You are exactly right in not desiring to build additional backboards of the dimensions used in your three backboards until you get something definite. I would press Porter for an early answer and ask his advice. Of course, Tower is editor of the Guide and Porter is secretary of the Rules Committee, so you see there is a pretty close hook-up there.

Answering your question regarding appointments that I have on my calendar for the next thirty days, I might say that on May 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 26 I expect to be out of town. Some of these are high school commencement dates which take me away for the evening only. Our final examinations are from June 1 to 8, and commencement on June 12. I am giving examinations on June 3 and 7. In between some of these dates I could run over to Kansas City or Topeka, or any place that is convenient to you, or if you care to come to Lawrence that would be perfectly satisfactory with me. Whatever is most convenient to you will suit me. I will be glad to see you and Mr. Medart.

Referring again to the small board, I quite agree with you that the expense would be considerable, and I believe that is out. The trend of the committee was toward a larger board. I would like to ask you how small that board could be to use the old attachments, such as braces