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Dear Corporal Moore:

I am sorry that I do not have the record of the western teams playing
in the Garden in the east in 1940, '41, '42, '43, but with conservatism I
would stake my reputation on saying that the western teams won over eighty
per cent of their games played in the Garden and other eastern locations.
In 1942 and '43 I believe they won ninety-five per cent of their games.

A sure way of finding out would be to address a letter to Ned Irish,
President of Madison Square Garden, and ask him to give you the results
of the games played by western teams in the east that were under his
control. He has a chain of playing areas, such as Philadelphia, Buffalo,
and the Garden. I believe he controls Hersyen, Pa., and one other
location. But these are the main sites where the eastern teams play the
western teams. You might tell him what you consider "western". I would
consider it the western conference area, and on west.

I can assure you that if you are from Indiana you should never take
a razzing from any of these fellows from New York. The only time any of
those eastern teams have come west is when Nat Holman's CCNY team went to
Peoria, Illinois, to play Bradley Tech, and they were beaten by 66 to 27
or 37, and Clair Bee's Long Island University team went out to Denver to
play in the AAU tournament a few years ago. He did not last long.

In the east you are forced to follow the type of officiating that is
common to professional basketball, which is very different from the
collegiate branch. I am safe in saying that if eastern teams came west
and played under the collegiate rules or any rules that they would play
by, they would be lucky to win thirty per cent of their games. The New
York game is stereotyped and professional. The western teams are much more
aggressive, progressive and versatile. I am not saying this because I am
from the west. I have seen both teams, and that is my opinion, but the
record still stands for itself.