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Mrs. Alice K. Griffith,
The Athletic Journal,
6858 Glenwood Avenue,
Chicago 26, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Griffith:

Yes, ma'am, I am planning to write on the various defenses. I believe that I can present a pretty good article for you. I had in mind that I preferred an article on how to meet the fast break, razzle-dazzle offense when they pick you up all over the floor. But your article that you now have is entitled "How to Combat a Pressing Defense".

Yes, it is sometimes called a "forcing defense", but I believe pressing is better. That means, of course, when they pick you up all over the floor. As soon as "A" team loses the ball, "B" team members immediately pick up their opponents without the retreating defense which is so much in vogue.

I expect to come to my office tomorrow, Sunday, to work on the article and I will have it polished and ready for you in the prescribed time.

I want to congratulate you upon your effort to unify the basketball nomenclature. The Athletic Journal has contributed much to the nomenclature. So many coaches still use the term "block" when they mean "screen". Screening is legal, and blocking is a foul, but a majority of the coaches use the wrong terminology even to their boys when they are coaching as well as in writing articles.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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P. S. You know, Mrs. Griffith, I have something that I could show the coaches that I think would be worth while if it didn't get in on the field