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Mr. Harold Miller,  
Chanute, Kansas.

Dear Harold:

I just wanted you to know that yesterday I put Dick in at quarterback and tried him, as you suggested. Max Kissell was against him and he blocked about six of the first seven passes that Dick made. Dick got terribly discouraged. Maybe it was because he had not had enough practice at that position.

But I do remember that I tried him there once before and he lacked the deceptive qualities necessary to make the passes in to his teammates.

I did not let him know that I had talked with you, but I firmly resolved to give him a try. I will try him again there, but from all my previous experience with him he shows that he does not like the position in the first place and much prefers to play the forward position.

At any rate, Harold, I will keep giving him a chance, and you might talk to him some time and tell him that I did this because you and I discussed it. I want you to know that I want to give every boy every possible chance, and if he can make good no one would be more happy than I.

Frankly, Harold, Dick lacks the sparkle and the color to add spontaneity to the team. He is very much different than is Ralph. Ralph adds fire, pep and "ginger", and has a lot of leadership. But if Dick possesses these qualities he keeps them under his personality belt.

I hope to see you tomorrow night. It is going to be a tough ball game, I know that.

Sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

(Signed after Dr. Allen had gone to basketball practice. AH)