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Mr. Bill Miller,
Insurance Bldg.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the clipping from Omaha regarding the basketball situation at Nebraska. This former Big Ten basketball coach apparently is none other than George Veenker, athletic director at Iowa State. He used to coach at Michigan, you know.

I was interested in what Frederick Ware said about basketball. Well, there are just a lot of things you can form defenses for the way the game is now played. When they rush down the court instead of having the guards play flat as they do in the usual defensive positions, we have them play in an anterior-posterior position, one behind the other. That protects the center lane basket and the guard who is behind flanges out if the play is coming around near the end line and the front man drops back equi-distant between whether the guard played and where the other guards former position was in front of his teammate. This permits two men to do the work of of three in an emergency, then the third man coming down the floor floats in to the vacated trianble position. It works out all right.

Thanks for your good wishes regarding Oklahoma and Missouri. My reactions are similar to yours.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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