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Dear Shootin' 'Em --Something must be done about Indiana basketball. It is too fast--much too fast.

I long for the good old days when a fellow could take a good magazine and a sack of apples (or a jug) to a basketball game and really enjoy himself. But now, alas, the poor spectator is left in a complete state of exhaustion after a hard encounter; and he is lucky to be able to stagger home. The mortality rate among basketball fans must be terrific. Any day now I expect Trester to plant doctors outside all gates, refusing admission to all thosefortunates possessing weak hearts, fallen arches or other sundry ailments.

The time was when many exceedingly beautiful friendships were formed at these spectacles of sport. Only the other day I was at a game and I turned to gaze at a dimpled doll sitting just three rows and four seats northeast of me. And what happened? I missed three buckets and a free throw! What chance does a fellow have?

As long as ye hardwood gladiators continue to drive pell mell back and forth like shuttled relay marathon dashmen we will never get our sixteen team finals back. The high tension and steam generated from fifteen games in one gym in such a short time would blow the whole state off the map!

Yours for a band at the fieldhouse,  
ROBERT MORAN

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From a mass of statistical information on individual scoring in Western Conference basketball submitted to Shootin' 'Em by Hugh Gardner we have culled this list of boys who have notched 150 or more points in a season of Big Ten competition. It follows:

	Year	FG	FT	TP
Carney, Illinois	1920	60	69	189
Young, Purdue	1938	69	46	184
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Young, Purdue	1937	67	38	172
Hull, Ohio State	1939	66	37	169
Reiff, Northwestern	1939	53	61	167
Andres, Indiana	1938	65	32	162
Kessler, Purdue	1936	61	38	160
Birkhoff, Chicago	1920	34	92	160
White, Purdue	1921	33	90	156
Haarlow, Chicago	1935	51	54	156
Wooden, Purdue	1932	53	48	154
Haarlow, Chicago	1938	53	45	151
Dehner, Illinois	1939	54	43	151
Kessler, Purdue	1935	53	44	150

You see so many free throws opposite the names of Carney, Birkhoff and White because in their day one man shot most of his team's free throws, it not being necessary for the fouled fellow to shoot his own. Andres, White and Wooden, incidentally, are the only guards on the list.

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