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a change as that always makes a busy evening for the officials. I always think of the tip-off at center, the same as the kick-off in football. I know the Pacific Coast Conference is not sold on the center jump, but they will still have the big boy in there for the rebounds and the follow-ups on both the defensive and offensive baskets.

As far as we are concerned in our section this year, the game continued to improve in interest both from the spectator and player standpoint. You know, Saint, I think the greatest difficulty we are having with officiating is the inability of our audience to be decent to our officials. Immediately, when a game starts, a certain percentage of the audience declare themselves audibly for one team against the other and their cleavage to their friends is emphasized by their loud guffaws in the form of booing against an official who may be doing a pretty good job of it. At the first slight fault or error of an official, a part of the crowd turns loose with an awful boo. Then, if an official does something displeasing to the other part of the crowd, they voice their disgust in the same vocal fashion. It seems as if the crowd is competing in booing, while the players are competing for field goals and free throws.

As far as I am concerned, I would like to see the Coaches' Committee and the Rules Committee ask that where practicable, 12 ft. baskets be installed with 3 points for a field goal and 1 point for a free throw. You will be surprised just what will happen. Then, I would like to see the baskets moved in 6 ft. from the end line, if they raise the baskets, and where possible, where you have plenty of room, widen the court 3 ft. on either side. And, if they want to draw that circle around the larger circle, O.K. But why, should I continue to write you this letter, when I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote Roy Mundorff.

I feel that after our meeting at Atlanta with the coaches and hearing their arguments, I will