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Dear Rotarian Karl:

In our Rotary Club your name is constantly and inter-
mittently mentioned when an example of a good Rotarian is brought up.

I am writing to Mr. McBrien, the secretary, today.
I am sorry that I have waited so long. I certainly would be interested
in seeing one of your games as I know there is much wrong with the
American game. There is an interval of 30 seconds between practically
every play in American football. It is a sporadic activity game.
Doubtless football requires less physical conditioning than most of
the sports that we play. The ability to withstand punishment is the ess-
ential in American football. A big, cumberson, well-knit, lumbering
type of fellow can play a good game because he can dish it out as well
as take it.

Ormond Beach and Mike Clawson, two of our splendid foot-
ball players of past years, played in Canada, and they say the Canadian
game is much superior, as far as ball-handling, action and scoring are
concerned. It takes a more versatile, agile athlete to play the game.

I quite agree with you that rounding the apices of the
ball would do away with much of the crazy actions that a football takes
when it hits the ground, consequently making it more difficult to follow
the ball in an agile way.

My lengthy Rebound letter will doubtless beat this over,
but your many friends speak of you often even though they do not write.
Sergeant Kollender never misses an opportunity to sing your praises, and
wishes that there might be some way that he could serve under you again.
I think his heart is breaking that you can't work out something for him.
He is a lonesome old boy without you.

You may have heard of Mrs. Aszman's illness. She has
phlebitis after an operation of the femoral vein by Dr. Sudler. She
will be in bed six weeks. However, I am sure that Ted has written you.
With all good wishes for your continued splendid successes, as well as
added power for your continued Rotary talks, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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