

January 26, 1940.

Mr. Dean D. Nywall, Principal,  
Neligh City Schools,  
Neligh, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Nywall:

I am sorry that I have failed to answer your good letter of the 7th instant sooner. When your letter arrived we were playing in Chicago, and when we got back we have been covered up with preparations for games or making trips, and I just haven't gotten around to answering your inquiry. I trust that it has not inconvenienced you or has caused you to keep one of your good boys out of the game.

This lambs wool is cut so that it will go around the popliteal space in the back part of the knee and come around to the front. It is a strip about three inches wide narrowed at the back and coming to the front of the knee cap. The wool is laid against the skin of the knee and the taping is over the lambs wool as tight as you can tape it. The thing that keeps it from cutting off circulation is the fact that the wool makes a cushion between the player's skin and the hide of the lamb. You are exactly right - the taping is done on the hide of the animal instead of the boy. It is much better that you do not tape next to the hide of the boy because when you tape over the hide of the animal then you are apt to get a wrinkle and cause the knee to get sore.

In football our trainer taped Ralph Miller's knee first, then put on the lambs wool and then taped the lambs wool, but that made the skin awfully sore, so for basketball we just put the lambs wool on the knee and taped it just as tight as we could tape it. This gave much better satisfaction and did not make the skin so tender. Each hide is cut to fit the boy's leg, rather than using a uniform size for all.

I was glad to hear from Don MacLay. He was a wonderful player from Auburn, Nebraska, and I thought he was one of the best jumpers that I have ever seen. You tell Don that he had us scared to death all the time he played at Nebraska.