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Mr. Harry Newman, Coach,
Collinwood High School,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Coach Harry:

Well, it has been a long time since I returned to Lawrence after my very pleasant trip to Cleveland, but I find on checking some of my details that I have failed to send you data to be used on your research on the 11-foot basket.

I would be happy to see you play as many games as possible choosing the extremely tall players on one team and pitting against them men 5 feet 10, or shorter. Then I would like to see these same teams play under a 10-foot basket, and see if there is any difference day in and day out of results obtained. On all of these games I would like for you to chart a field goal for 3 points and a free throw for one. Then also check on a field goal for 2 and a free throw for one, and see if any of these games would have resulted differently had we used the new scoring instead of the old.

Also, I would like for you to chart the fouls using a 10-foot basket and using the 11-foot basket. I maintain that many of these drive-in shots that draw two fouls will be lessened with the higher basket. Also, see on the 10-foot basket if there are any violations on tapping the ball when it is on the rim, either by the offensive or defensive side. I maintain that the three-second rule interferes with the basket while the ball is on the rim and all those rules that we have in there at the present time will largely be done away with by using the higher basket.

See if the arc of disbursement of the rebound is not considerably greater on a higher basket.

It is unfortunate that you do not have the end line further back on your high basket because this is one of the very telling points in that a shorter player can go in and retrieve a goal on a high basket and still play it, much to the consternation of a team playing a zone defense. This higher basket will be the cause of penetrating a zone defense much more readily than the lower basket because the ball will bounce further out causing the guards to play further out for a rebound and allowing the short, fast men to cut in and obtain possession