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Medart
Mr. R. W. Higgins, Manager,
Apparatus & Gym Seat Division,
Fred Medart Manufacturing Co.,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I have your favor of the 21st instant regarding the basketball scoreboard for the Army at Scott Field, Illinois.

I would recommend that you have the scoreboard in quarters so that the time could be set for either proposition. You could run right through the first and second quarters, which would be the half, and then the third and fourth quarters would be the second half. The college rules make it optional for the game to be played in either quarters or halves. The college rules use ten-minute quarters and twenty-minute halves, and the high school rules use eight-minute quarters and no halves.

The theory of playing in quarters is that it would give each team two extra time-out periods without a penalty. This would lessen the physical strain and also give a break and allow the spectators to have a mental breath.

Many scoreboards at the present time now have a little light to show the first quarter, the second quarter, the third quarter and the fourth quarter, and they do not sound a device at the end of the quarters if they are playing in halves. If the rules would ever become mandatory that they play in quarters it would be a simple matter to have a sounding device for each quarter. But can you not now arrange it so that quarters can be played, but the gong or sounding signal would only sound at the half and with your regulating device can show quarters by a simple switch from the table.

You will understand that college games are played in ten-minute quarters. Aside from this I can see no reason why every scoreboard should not be built to account for quarters and still if they wanted to play in halves to let them do so. I trust that I have made this plain. If I have not, write me again and I will elucidate further.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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