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Dear Van:

Thank you very much for your good letter of the 4th instant in which you and your class suggested an improvement of the Goal-Hi game.

I quite agree with you that the thought of congestion around the basket would be a definite fault. For that reason the smaller circle around the basket was "no man's land". Do you mean the smaller circle or the 15-foot circle? There is a provision now that anyone scoring a goal must pass the ball out to the area between the 4-foot circle and the 15-foot circle.

Our people played here last summer and we had no difficulty when I officiated the games in enforcing the pass-out rule. If any player charged into the basket or caught the ball after a goal and did not pass it out, it was a violation. Perhaps the outer circle would still be a better amendment because that would bring it outside the 15-foot area. However, I found from a practical point of view that as soon as a goal was scored the players scattered out and back of the goal for freedom of movement and security in receiving the ball. I am wondering if you enforced the ruling regarding both feet on the smaller 4-foot circle.

I am glad to see that your visitations took you to the University of Alabama this summer. We are having a fine summer school and wonderful weather. It has been the finest summer session that I have experienced here in 21 years - cool, Colorado weather, with a fine student body and fine morale.

I appreciate your letter, which I am sending on to the Medart Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, for their inspection, after which we are gathering all the suggestions together for the betterment of the game, expecting to do something about it.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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