

August 23, 1943.

A/S Ed Purdie,  
Flight 24,  
513th C.T.D.,  
University of Nevada,  
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Ed:

I am sorry that I cannot give you the outstanding scorer for four years of college basketball. Many schools, especially the larger ones, have but three years of competition for their athletes - one year of residence for the freshman year and three years of varsity competition. Schools from the Big Ten and other conferences do not have freshman competition as do the Pacific Coast conference and some other conferences.

Stanford had a freshman schedule and I believe they counted Hank Luisetti's four years of basketball in his all-time record. And too, some schools play weaker competition and naturally their athletes run up higher schros.

I would suggest that you write Ned Irish, director of Madison Square Garden, New York, and he being a former sports writer will get this information for you.

I have never especially put a premium on four years of high scoring. Perhaps it has its points, but generally speaking a team is not as well balanced with a high scorer as it is when all the men are getting their quota of points. You will understand I am not critical of the high scorers, but personally I would not desire the high scoring type to a well balanced team.

I am glad that you are fond of basketball, and I wish you much success in the service. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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