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Mr. Dan Partner  
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Dear Dan:

I find that I failed to answer your inquiry regarding Bill Hogben.

Here is the off-the-record explanation. Bill Hogben has a girl. He even had one last year. Just about this time when he was not playing regularly he wanted to quit. I told him that I hated to see a fellow quit when he had a chance to make a letter. We had no better chance to win the Big-Six then than we have this year, so I insisted that he stay out.

Well, as it turned out we were fortunate beyond expectation and tied for the Big-Six, then won the play-off and you know the rest of the story. Well, Bill got strap watches, windbreakers, gold basketballs, silver basketballs, sweaters and the like. He had high hopes of playing regularly this year but when it came to the games he could not hit so I naturally replaced him with someone else.

He came to me again and said he wanted to quit; said his mother and folks thought he had had enough and I said, "Bill, I do not want to turn in your name as quitting the squad, so why wouldn't it be better to say you work out once or twice a week to avoid the misunderstanding that usually takes place when boys quit the squad?" Bill said, "Okay." He has not been out to practice and, of course, will not be, but there is this fine fellowship between the coach and the player.

Bill is one of the swellest fellows I know and I would not do anything to hurt him, but I am telling you that he is not reporting regularly and, of course, we would not expect him to do so.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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