

# Commercial Graduates Basketball Club

*Canadian, International and World Champions*

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

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Dear Dr. Allen:

Some time ago I received a circular from a publishing firm advertising a new book which you have brought out. I intended to order one at the time, but either mislaid or destroyed the circular and haven't the address of the company. Perhaps you have some of the books on hand; if so, will you mail me one as soon as convenient and enclose the invoice. I shall remit by return mail.

I did not hear how your conference came out this year, but I imagine you are still carrying on the good work. We have also done well; we played 20 games (three against men), and won 16. We lost a game to the provincial intermediate men's champions by a single point, and another to the University of Alberta intermediate men by four points. We defeated another men's team by 12 points. I might add--in case you are shocked--that we do not play men's teams except under unusual conditions. In the three instances mentioned above, each game was played for charity.

We lost two games to girls' teams--one by a single point, and the other by two. (St. Louis and Chicago) However, we won each series of games played, and retain all the titles which we have held for so many years. A little later on, we expect to bring out another edition of our "Grad" record book, and I shall send you a copy. This will give a complete summary of all games played this season.

I have run up against a little trouble which hasn't made things any too pleasant for the past year. In order to make my job a little easier (I was trying to coach four teams as well as look after my school), I induced our School Board to secure the services of a teacher who was a former member of the University of British Columbia men's team which won the Canadian title. He was a good player, and I thought he would also be a good coach. Unfortunately, our ideas clashed from the outset. I have always used a fast-breaking style of offense and a shifting man-to-man defense, while he is a strong advocate of a delayed offense and a zone defense. The result has been that players coming up to the senior squads from the junior have to change their style, with the inevitable confusion which you would expect.