

November 15, 1937.

Mr. H. V. Porter,  
11 So. LaSalle St.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear H. V.:

I acknowledge with thanks the National Basketball Committee letterheads. We can very nicely use our University envelopes, but I do think the Committee stationery is an asset.

From some of our university coaches I have been getting a criticism on the new seamless basketball. They state that on hard 40-foot passes, the ball develops floaters, sinkers, drops, curves and twisters. These are the terms applied to the tricks done by passing the ball hard. This is from an eastern coach who has a national reputation. His players discarded the ball in the presence of the salesman, somewhat to the embarrassment of the coaches.

I understand that the sponsors of the ball now say the new seamless ball has been corrected and this objectionable thing eliminated.

St. Clair, you will remember, said at our meeting last year that his boys all threw the balls up in the balcony after they had shot a few goals.

The eastern coach had this to say: "On the basis of our actual experiments with the ball we can have no confidence in it. We would like to know the actual facts, with no sales talk".

I am passing along these piquant comments so that you may have the specific criticism and work out certain trials according to these comments. Personally, I do not like the new molded type of ball at all, because we do not want anything too perfect. We do not have a perfect baseball or a perfect football.