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Mr. H. V. Porter, Secretary,
National Basketball Committee,
11 So. LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear H. V.:

Thank you for your good letter of the 17th instant. I think you have some very logical arguments which you have presented in your letter.

I am glad to know about the Cord-Bilt ball. I had not learned of the situation as you present it. Frankly, I do not like the Lastbilt ball at all. My opinion would be that the National Federation would make far more progress toward a ball that would not only be fool proof but would be more scientifically constructed than the first mentioned ball. This is due to the fact that the high schools have people who really find the answers, while the commercial people perhaps have linked themselves with one or two coaches who do not have a research turn of mind.

I quite agree with you that these ribs may build up a sort of air-cushion that will keep the ball from floating or doing didoes that amoy a player. If the individual does send me a ball for experimental purposes, I assure you I will give it a very thorough trial.

I entirely agree with you that from a high school standpoint a ball could be developed at a reasonable cost under this patent that should mean a great saving to the high school. The college people, while they are not blessed with too much wealth, really desire a new ball occasionally.

There is not one logical argument in my mind but what the molded ball should be manufactured at a much lower cost than the other ball. Of course, I mean when they are used in such numbers as are consistent with the consumption of the other old type ball.

I just received a letter from another coach in our part of the country who made this statement: "Would you kindly advise me by return mail as to the type of ball you expect to use for our game? They are undecided in this area as to what will be used. Personally, I like the new ball very much but feel that we should all accept or reject it, inasmuch as there is considerable difference between the two types."