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Dear Mr. Pearman:

You will pardon me for not answering your good letter of the 14th instant sooner. We have had a very heavy pre-season basketball schedule which has kept me out of the office much of the time.

I am happy to know that our publishers, Whittlesey House, gave you permission to use considerable material from "Better Basketball" in your magazine in your special basketball number. I am sorry that it is not possible for us to procure a picture of the Buffalo German Y.M.C.A. team.

I do not remember them playing in 1895, but the writer did play against them in a series of three games in March, 1905. They defeated us the first game 40 to 36. We beat them the next game 30 to 28, and the last game we beat them 45 to 14.

Might I suggest that you see John T. Doyle, of the American Sports Publishing Company. The Buffalo Germans picture appeared in several of the rules guides in the early days. The Germans great record was made from the early 1900's on. They won the Pan-American at Buffalo and the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904. That was the same as the Olympic Games at St. Louis.

I was manager of the Kansas City Athletic Club at the time, and it was after the record made during these years that we challenged them the series of three games, which gave us the world championship. The world championship then, you know, was something like the world championship in baseball is now, just a national championship.

I am sure that Mr. Doyle can get you some very interesting photographs, or at least you can take them off of his rules books. Dr. James Naismith, the originator of the game of basketball, has been with the University of Kansas since 1889. He is retired from active duty, but is very active in his basketball interests. Had we the time, I am sure that we could get some photographs for you from Dr. Naismith, but the time is short and I believe you will have to do the best you can by contacting Mr. Doyle.