

of coaches and other interested individuals in this district, asking their aid and cooperation.

We were confident it would be impossible to obtain basket ball as one of the regularly scheduled sports on the Olympic program due to a letter written by Mr. Frederick W. Rubien on October 1st, 1929, as follows: "Mr. Edstrom is a very influential member of the International Olympic Committee and his sentiments carry great weight. What he says is true. The American Olympic Committee will have the right to propose one national sport and one foreign sport on the Olympic program. It will be necessary to arouse sentiment in this country as to what event the American Olympic Committee should propose for its national sport. There are so many sports not on the Olympic program, for which representatives are clamoring for recognition, that there is likely to be quite a contest. It would be well to sound out foreign countries to find out whether there would be representation, in addition to that from our own country. We followed that method in securing the adoption of la crosse at the last games, teams representing Canada, England and the United States taking part, but I do not think the game took very well. La crosse is gaining strength here and will be clamoring for recognition again; so will canoeing, rugby, all kinds of shooting, tennis and billiards. Los Angeles and California will probably be interested in an event that would appeal to the greatest number of people and on account of the reputation that California has achieved in tennis and from correspondence that I have had with Mr. Garland of the Los Angeles Committee, I rather think that they would favor tennis over any other sport."