

The only explanation we can offer for Dr. Allen's model penmanship is the Union Pacific was stalled for half an hour on a siding and during the delay he busied himself at the writing desk.

He writes:

"I want you to know how very much I appreciated your timely comment on elevation of the basket to a height of 12 feet. (Not at all, Doctor, glad to do it.)

"Of course, this would apply only to the college player. No change is suggested for the high school teams.

"Oregon's Franksteins showed the travesty of normal sized men (Oklahoma) fighting against impossible altitudinous behemoths at the Treasure Island tournament.

"It is proposed that a field goal count three points and a free throw from the 20-foot line one point. A player accommodates the muscles of his eyes and accessory muscles of the hands and fingers to height as quickly as he does to distance, so height is no more of a handicap than shooting a little farther out on the court would be.

"The new rule would be a decided aid to the official, if adopted, because the two-shot foul when driving in for goals would be entirely eliminated because there would be no incentive for drive-in layups, the things that causes most misery for officials.

"Then, also, the three-second time rule in the lane would be out as the shot would be more advantageously made from some distance out. The back-up nudging play in which there is so much grief on fouling would be lessened.

CHANGE WOULD REDUCE INJURIES

"It would also reduce injuries under the backboard due to the above-mentioned hard drive-ins, with pushing, etc. I have in mind Bobby Moers of Texas, a victim of this situation.

"The rebound arc of disbursement would come out farther on the court, loosening up the defense and allowing the offense to work through a compact zone defense. It would eliminate much hiping by big husky guards desiring to maintain their close position under and near the basket.

"Many people are asking, 'Why not an 11-foot basket instead of a 12-foot?' My answer is that soon there will be goons who will reach an 11-foot basket as easily as they do the 10-footer, and then again, a 12-foot hoop will cause the ball to rebound farther out on the court, thereby clearing the area under the basket of massed players.

"Already the European and Asiatic nations whose athletes are smaller men have complained of the exceptional height of American basketball players in the Olympic Games. Basketball would be more popular the world over if the hoop were elevated, thus giving nations of shorter men an equal chance.

"By adopting a 12-foot basket the discrimination that now exists in favor of the giant of stature would be materially reduced and this fine winter sport would become sounder, faster and more exciting.

"There are many more good reasons I have not time to write here. It was good of you to print your comments. ('Twarn't nothing, Doctor). Sincerely yours,

"FORREST C. ALLEN," Director of Physical Education, University of Kansas."

J. Donald Budge and Frederick John Perry are to do a pro tennis

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