

February 13, 1940.

Mr. A. N. Myers,
422 Coolidge Ave.,
South Hills,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Myers:

I acknowledge receipt of your inquiry of February 10th concerning a possible reduction in size of the backboard.

The members of our Research Committee of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada are as follows: John W. Bunn, Dean of Men, Stanford University; E. J. Hickox, Springfield College, Springfield, Mass.; Curtis Parker, Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; H. V. Porter, 11 So. LaSalle St., Chicago; Floyd A. Rowe, Board of Education, Cleveland; and Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas, chairman.

On page 276 of the Official Basketball Guide for 1939-'40 you will find an article on new types of backboards tested by the Research Committee. The Research Committee is to report on backboards at their meeting which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on March 30, 31, and April 1. Also, the National Association of Basketball Coaches will meet in Kansas City March 28, 29 and 30. I have charge of the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship of America, the semi-finals to be played in Kansas City on March 22 and 23, and the finals on March 30.

Mr. H. V. Porter, of Chicago, a member of the Research Committee, is doing a lot of work on the size of the backboard. Nothing will be determined at the Rules Meeting, but we would be glad if you care to submit a backboard at the time of this meeting. Perhaps we could arrange to set it up so the members could view it. That was done in New York University Day School, Washington Square, last year. The Medart people put up convex boards of all different sizes and the Rules Committee inspected them there.

If you want to submit a board or send a representative along with it, we would be glad to see it. We would also like to know any experiments that have been made and what the findings have been.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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