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Other newspapers use B instead of G for a guard. I believe guard is the correct form, although I might be wrong. Also, while it makes no difference, I believe most box scores start the line-up with the left forward (rather than the right). In contrast to baseball again, they have a regular form, starting from first to third, and then going from left field to right.

While I might be an especially interested fan on basketball, particularly in regards to interpretation of box scores and figures, I believe that if the above were broached to the rules makers, they will agree with me that there is a lack of uniformity and completeness in current basketball box scores.

As a remedy, may I suggest that the forthcoming convention accept, or go on record advising, a "more modern" or "the collegiate" or "the more intelligent" box score and so herald it that newspapers ^{would} adopt it with the start of next winter. My suggested form is as follows:

	MIN	PF	FG	F	PTS
(lf, rf, c, lg, rg) ^{in that} _{order}	33	3	10	5-3	23

(Lower portion of box score to list winner on top and scores according to quarters or halves, thus:

Winning team	18	23	---41
Losing Team	18	20	---38

Referees--Jones and Black. Time of halves--20 minutes

In interpreting the suggested form above, may I add that frequently a list of 10 or 15 names in a box scores does not mean ^{3 teams} were used, necessarily. Most frequently, a coach uses a first team for about 35 or 38 minutes, shoves in a second club, and then closes the dieing minutes, with a second batch of five. The paper comes out the next day with a total of 15 players and one says to himself: "Hmm, what an easy victory, 15 players used." Also, some starting players or substitutes are used more frequently or longer than another of equal rank, yet, unless there is a flock of points alongside his name, the common inference is that he played a minute or two or was no good at all. Just as a digression, the cases of Hank Luisetti and Chet Jaworski, of RI, could be compared more easily, if the actual playing time of both could be had, which, without doubt, would be more conclusive than the total number of actual games participated in.