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January 14, 1939.

Mr. Curtis Parker,
Athletic Director,
Centenary College,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have your letter of the 12th instant and I am happy that you will try out the floor markings. I think you will like them.

I have not been so enthusiastic about the white ball because the backboard is painted white and I have always thought that the white ball would not be as clearly set out against the backboard as a ball of any other color. Either a yellow or orange or any color, other than white, seemed to appeal to my fancy. We have tried out the white ball, both in football and basketball, and we find that there seems to be a difference in the texture of the leather, which is probably due to the tanning. I presume tanning makes the leather tougher, and the white ball seems to be spongy, and has never made a hit with me personally.

I have had correspondence with Dr. Carlson, of Pittsburgh, and J. W. St. Clair, of S.M.U., and a great number of other outstanding coaches, and none of them like the lastbilt ball. I certainly do not like it, and no member of the Big Six Conference is using it.

I also think you will like the four foot option if you will try it out, because it prevents fewer balls from going out of bounds, hence the necessity of using an official tooter to start the game again.

I am also very open-minded as to the matter of allowing a substitute after scoring a field goal.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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