

April 19, 1939.

Mr. Joseph H. Bennett,
20 Richards Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I desire to state that we are using your all-steel nets on some research work here, and there is only one objection that we find. It seems as if the weight of the net has apparently broken loose the mooring of one of the "no-tie" basket reinforced loops which carries the net. I am wondering if you have found that objection.

Of course, the way to correct that difficulty would be to make the steel loops stronger. And again, of course, there may have been a defect in this particular loop, but this was not pulled loose until after the attachment of the steel basket net.

The other possible objection might be that the backboard is white and the cord net is white, setting out the black rim for the player to shoot at by the contrast of black against white.

I wish you would write me fully setting forth any additional arguments you have in favor of its use and any objections that have been written in to you by other individuals that you have contacted regarding your net.

Now, I should like to know the most important item, and that is the cost of the net. This will be a determining factor in the possible adoption of the net. Would you write me at your earliest convenience, air mail, as to what you feel the net can be sold for at sporting goods houses. I should like to know what the net is costing you now and what you feel that it would have to retail for. Or, if you cannot answer that, if you could let me know about what you would have to have for it from the jobber or wholesaler, then we can estimate the other.

I am planning to leave for New York some time around the 27th or 28th of April, and if you find that you could not get the information to me before that time, send it to me at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, where I will be quartered along with the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee meets on May 1 and 2 at the McAlpin, and if you should write the letter to me there please mark it - "Hold for arrival".