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Dear Ed:

I believe if these basketball batting averages are to be of any value, aside from the massed research material, that they should be made available to the players the next day after a game is played. If they are posted later than that the boys' interest has diminished, and they are concentrating on the next game to be played, not the last one that was played.

The reason I am mentioning this to you is because of the fact that today, Thursday, we are trying to get the Carleton batting average to post on the bulletin board in the dressing room. The game was played Monday, and on Wednesday we had the Kansas batting chart. To be of the greatest value to the boys these charts should have been posted Tuesday and Wednesday.

I am making no complaint of the young man who is doing this work. I think he is fine - very conscientious and accurate in his work. But I am wondering if it would be possible to speed up the work a little so that the charts could be available sooner after a game is played. Is there any way in which you could put another CSEP student on this work to help him? Possibly Dr. Lapp could devote some of his time to these computations.

The report of our research done in this field last year has been reproduced in the bulletin issued by the National Basketball Coaches Association. If you or Dr. Lapp desire a copy of this bulletin we shall be glad to write to the editor and have him send you one.

I trust you will see my point in making these charts available to the boys soon after a game is played. As you know, we play six conference games in sixteen days, and these charts show the players very clearly their weaknesses and strong points.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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