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Mr. Louie Menze
Basketball Coach
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

Dear Louie:

I am returning the marked ballot pronto. You can see that I am for scouting and for twenty games.

I am also definitely in favor of removing the restriction on basketball players at home. It is a discrimination against basketball to hold them to only 10 competitors at home, and I am in favor of at least extending the traveling number to 11 players, but not necessarily meaning the 11 would make all trips. However, there are times when you need more than 10 on trips and I certainly would be in favor of extending that limitation to 11.

Basketball is no pauper's game. It makes more money than baseball, track or any of the other minor sports and there is no reason why this discrimination should be against basketball.

I think the proper way for the directors and the faculty representatives to handle the matter is to get a recommendation from the coaches. Then, if they do not want to act on that, they can take the responsibility which they have of doing it their way. I think it is poor administration the way it is done now.

This was especially true when the N.C.A.A., the faculty representatives and the athletic directors all said, "We want to increase the number of competitors so we can help Uncle Sam." They have gone on record as doing exactly the opposite as to the way they expressed their feelings to the President.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
Varsity Basketball Coach

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