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Mr. Max Patrick, Sports Editor
The Associated Press
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Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Skipper Patrick:

During our short and pleasant discussion last Thursday afternoon I forgot to relate to you that I was the founder of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The coaches association was formed as a protest of the Rules Committee deleting the dribble without discussing it with the coaches.

I was the first research chairman of both the Coaches Association and Rules Body. I also promoted Nasmith Night for the purpose of giving Dr. Nasmith a honorarium for his services to the game of basketball as originated. Dr. Nasmith had not been frugal financially and had lost his home in the first World War. This act was to restore his home and to give him some ready cash in his older days. We presented him a check for \$7400 and some odd dollars. This amount together with his retirement fund from the university left him comfortably situated.

I also got basketball as a regular sport in the Olympic games. In 1936 Dr. Nasmith's sport was one of the regular events of competition at Berlin. In 1940 the games were to be in Tokyo but the war interrupted that, of course.

I only mention these things because I thought perhaps you would write something on them at some time. Also you might want to know about them so if anything came up in your writing you could have access to this sketchy background that I have given you.

If at anytime in the future you want to discuss these points I will be happy to give them to you. With all good wishes. I am,

Sincerely,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach

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