

January 28, 1939.

Mr. John Siesseger, Jr.,  
West North Street,  
Clear Lake, Iowa.

Dear Johnnie:

It was a pleasure to meet you at Ames, Iowa, at the Iowa State-Kansas basketball game last Monday night.

Your good friend and admirer, Mr. Charles Strickland, asked me to autograph a copy of my new book, "Better Basketball", and to mail it to you with his compliments. I want you to know that Mr. Strickland is a great believer in your ability to play a fine game of basketball and he has a feeling that maybe this book will help you along your victorious path.

I spent a lot of time on this book trying to impart to the younger boys the fundamentals that I think should be employed in playing basketball. I trust that you will derive some profit from these pages on fundamentals. I will be happy if you will turn to the back of the book to the Tales of Yesteryears, which are stories of actual games played. It is my belief that you will get quite a kick out of that part of the book. These are not Frank Merriwell stories, but they are really my experiences in coaching university basketball and football. After you have read them or any part of them I would be glad to have a letter from you telling me whether you derived any benefit from the book or the stories.

It was a pleasure to see you and to know you. I trust if you are ever around Lawrence, Kansas, either in the summer or any other time, that you will look us up. It will be a pleasure to have you meet our boys here.

With all good wishes, and trusting that you will make a fine student and a great basketball player, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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