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Dr. Allen, Kansas University  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

A problem has come up on my squad on which I think you can give me the best information. The boy that plays center for us has poor eyes. We have been playing him without eye guards and he just can not see the ball. His defensive work has been outstanding but he has not averaged more than six points in a game. I sent to Lowe & Campbell for some eye guards and they sent all of the types that were stocked. The only one that we could use has a straight bar crossing just below the eye line. This prevents him from seeing low passes. Do you know of any company carrying a type that will suit our needs better? If at all possible I would like to get one with curved bars in front of the eyes. Any suggestion that you want to make will be appreciated.

Perhaps you would like to know how the boys have been doing since the season opened. We have played eleven games and have won all of them. Menlo, the strongest team that we have met thus far, was defeated last night by a 37-24 score. Our boys have scored 426 points to 168 for the opposition. We would have a much better team if more of the stronger teams would play us. Our League does not offer too much opposition. We played Oakley and won 53-13 so that did not do us much good. The boys are playing a combination zone and man for man. The guards and center play zone with the forwards playing man for man if the fourth man goes in. If we continue to be lucky we should win most of the remaining games on the schedule and go into the District tourney in good shape.

I wanted you to see one of my guards in action. He is recognized as the outstanding guard in this region and that is taking in all of the Northwest Kansas League teams. He is good as a defensive man and is second among our scorers. He probably will go to Hays but I surely would like for him to go any place but there.

Our players surely enjoyed watching your practise session. They still talk about it and come to me to make remarks about certain of your players after they see your box scores in the paper.

Yours sincerely,

*Laurence Stanton*  
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