

October 28, 1937.

Mr. Sylvester Schmidt,
Gymnasium.

Dear Sylvester:

I have been called out of town this afternoon and I would appreciate it very much if you will conduct the basketball class. I would not advise scrimmage this afternoon.

Tell the boys that we will practice tomorrow but it will be perfectly all right if those who have other things to do pass it up for studies or things more important for that day.

The special drill that I would like you to emphasize is the matter of taking two offensive players, as I have diagrammed on this slip of paper, and using against them two defensive players. The offensive players may dribble anywhere on the court and the defensive players must follow their own man. They are not permitted to switch, trade or slide, regardless of the play situation.

Start the play about the center of the court. The object of this drill is to make the guards hug closely to their forward. And even though they are picked off by the screen that I have diagrammed here, and the pivot with a back pass, number 1 guard must follow number 2 forward. I am endeavoring to make the guards play closer to the forwards so that all of our men will be playing the present zone.

Then start on the out of bound drills after all of the men have worked this, and work tandem, 4 and 2. Do not hurry it along but use the proper time. I understand Pralle will not be here today, so use Goley or some of the other men to help you. I would suggest that you dismiss the squad by 5:15. Make it rather short and snappy. Have every man through 50 free throws against competition and keep track of the number that each shoots.

I will appreciate this help from you.

Cordially yours,

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Basketball Coach.