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Dear Sir:-

You might be interested to learn of a plan designed to balance the basket-making or scoring opportunities in the popular game of basketball.

To raise the baskets as proposed might be impossible in some of the present built courts - to shrink the ball would obsolete a lot of equipment now bought and paid for.

My proposal is to put a 'limit line' on a seven or eight foot radius from the basket, permitting only those outside of that line an opportunity to throw for the basket. This would eliminate the many shove in shots by tall players who have height advantage. It likewise would give more thrill to the fans who come to see a try for the basket from the field and not when on top of it.

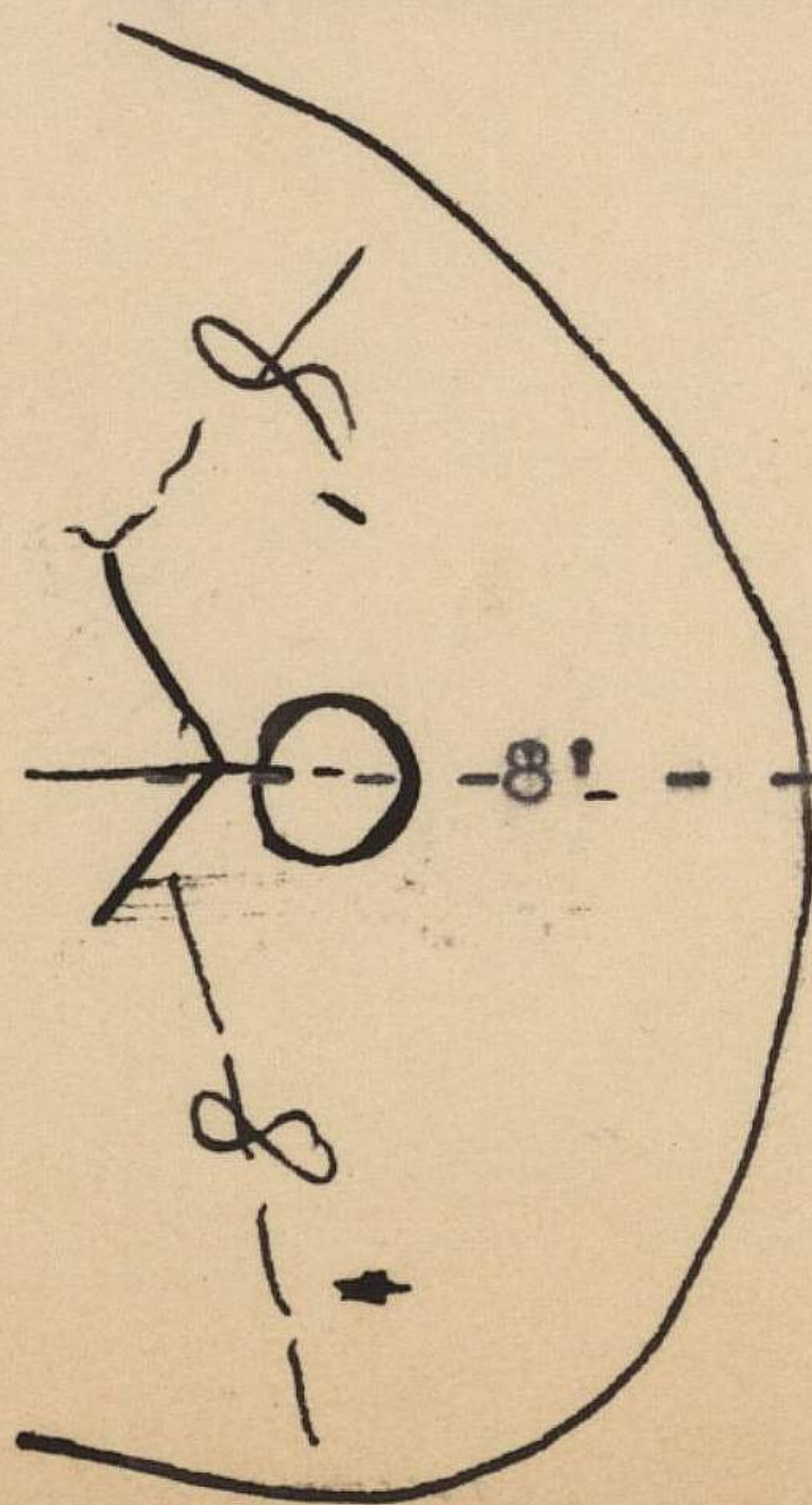
In the many games I have witnessed and particularly the college games I have observed a gradual drifting to the 6'6 group of players - some 20 years ago when I played the main advantage of a tall player was for the center jump.

Trust you will try this out some time and you will be surprised how well this balances the scoring opportunities and adds thrills to our present style of basketball.

Yours truly,

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No try for
a basket score
can be made by
a player within
this semi-circle.