

January 25, 1938.

Mr. Valentine Lentz, Chairman,
Research Committee,
National Association of Basketball Coaches,
St. Johns College,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Val:

I have two things that I have been working on regarding research. One is a proficiency chart for the basketball player giving merits and demerits on a percentage proposition for the efficient player. It will be necessary for me to use the season's play to determine the workability of this proposition.

The other is a matter of timing the out of bounds balls after a field goal or a free throw, first in passing them in and then bringing them across the division line. This is to determine how rapid the break is across the line. I thought it might be possible that some teams would begin the slow break, passing the ball across the end line leisurely and then using most of the time in getting across the division line.

So far, none of the teams have been using this sort of strategy, but I look for it soon. Our conference is using the three 6-foot radius circles for all held balls. We are trying to see what effect this will have on the play; also the number of goals scored after jump balls in these circles.

I am using this as a conference project, so of course I cannot tell what we will have until after our conference season ends, about the 3rd of March.

Coach Johnny Bunn wrote me last summer some time that I had been appointed to the research committee, but that I would hear from you. Your letter as of January 21 is the first official notification that I have had from the chairman of the research committee. If there is any specific information that I can give you that you may desire, please command me.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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