

Write coaches
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Mr. H. V. Porter,
11 So. LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Porter:

Please do not think that I value your letter any the less lightly because I did not answer it promptly. I have been in and out of the office much of late, which accounts for the delay.

I want you to know that I think you have written a very intelligent dissertation on the reduction of the backboard. The fan-shaped reduced board would strike my fancy.

This is a letter of acknowledgment, and upon my return from Louisville, Kentucky, where I am going for a short vacation, I will write you more fully. Before giving you a definite answer I want to write to several coaches to get their reaction, and then I would like very much to work with you further and collaborate with you upon a decision as to what parts of the board we shall specifically eliminate for experimental purposes. I would be obliged to you if you would conduct the experimentations after we have decided upon the size and shape. Of course, we will ask different college coaches to also work with us in this project, but I am of the definite opinion that more real research can be done in the high schools where a number of the men are not too deeply absorbed in competitive teams, or at least they are not high-pressured into thinking that the only thing worth while for them is a championship team.

You will hear from me after I have written these coaches, and that will be just about the time school opens in the fall.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.