

Lawrence, Kansas  
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Mr. John T. Doyle,  
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115 Fulton Street,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

I have been asked by Mr. Tower to write an article on Dr. Naismith. I have written rather exhaustively upon him, but since he is the father of basketball and one of the most unique sports characters of all time, I felt perhaps on this one occasion we should do him this honor, even if it took up quite a bit of space. I am also sending you an excellent likeness of Dr. Naismith to accompany the article.

There is one question that I debated upon - the inclusion of the original rules. Many people have never seen them, and unless we preserve them for posterity and history and incorporate them in one of the Rules book volumes, I am afraid the great mass of basketball followers will never have an opportunity to see them. For this reason I have included them in this tribute to the father of basketball. If you find that the article is too long for the space that you have, then the only thing that I suggest is to delete that part. Otherwise, I believe the rest of the article should be included. I hope, however, that the whole article may be.

You will also notice that the write-up on the Big Six is longer than usual, but since the Eastern Intercollegiate League has about eighteen pages, and since the Big Six had a triple tie for first place, the only time in history that this has happened, and one of their teams went to the finals for the National Championship, I would appreciate it if you could allow this space. The article was written by Mr. Harold Keith, a great friend of Mr. C. E. McBride, and the individual whom Mr. McBride nominated to write the article. McBride had written it for us once or twice