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Mr. Oswald Tower,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Os:

In the Big Six Conference here we have what is known as the double referee system. However, I see a weakness in the system as it is operating here. The officials work the whole game for one team.

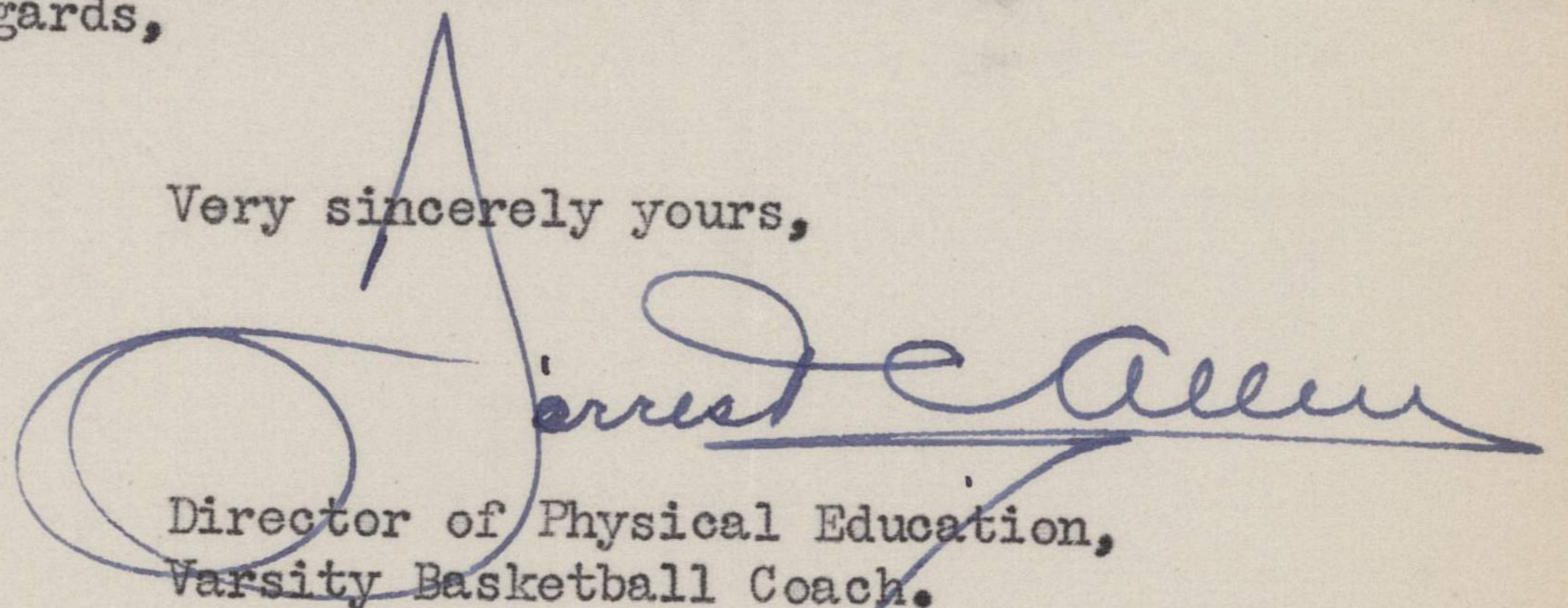
In other words, referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the first half and when the teams change goals referee A works under Kansas' offensive basket the second half. I maintain that it would be better if referee A worked under Kansas' basket the first half and under Missouri's basket the second half. This to apply to both officials.

Here is the point that I make. If you have a corking good official in the game and a very much weaker one assisting him, then the team that has the strong official gets the better officiating, and the team that has the weaker official gets the poor officiating. Now, if these officials would alternate teams and not baskets for each half, then the best would be divided equally and the poorest service would be divided equally.

I would like to know what you think about this because I desire to present it to the coaches meeting for consideration, and possibly to the rules body for discussion.

Hoping to see you in the near future in Chicago, I am,
with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,



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Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Dear Phog: — Please pardon this informal reply; business is rushing. I thought it was generally understood that referee and umpire (or each referee if both officials are so designated) are expected to work the same area throughout the game. The purpose of this is the one you mention, i.e. to equalize the officiating when teams change goals. If this is not being done in any part of the country, we will emphasize it in the book. Sincerely,
Oswald Tower