

National Basketball Rules Chairman Jim St. Clair is troubled by height trouble - double trouble - height under both the offensive as well as the defensive basket. St. Clair states that his rules body must "devise a way to reduce or eliminate the tall player's effectiveness on defense". But not a word does he say about eliminating the undue advantage of the 7 foot gargantuan basketball stratosphere giant under the offensive basket. Why discriminate against the defensive giant while allowing this same altitudinous chap to dunk the ball unmolested into the offensive basket? "It is plainly evident that we'll have to do something," St. Clair says, "if not, stalling will return."

There is nothing sacred about the ten foot goal height for college players. Let the rules body quit stalling and install a twelve foot goal that will forever take care of the double trouble. The rules of basketball insure the right to every player, without interference, of his position on the floor. How then can you stop a seven foot skyscraping behemoth from dunking the ball into a ten foot goal? But a twelve foot goal is another story. He will have plenty of trouble shooting the ball into a twelve foot goal, the same trouble that any shorter player will have.

The higher goal will be a real advantage to the little man because the added height will lessen the taller man's effectiveness by requiring both men to shoot. The muscles of the eyes are as easily accommodated to height as they are to distance, hence the higher goal is no more of an obstacle to a player than shooting from an added distance out on the court.