

After originating the game at Springfield College in 1891, Dr. Naismith moved to Denver in 1895 to accept a position as physical director of the Denver Y.M.C.A. In 1898 he came to the University of Kansas as director of physical education, and immediately began to develop his new game of basketball. Naturally he worked with the college players and coaches, and in that way he developed the amateur collegiate coaching system. His emphasis was that you should play the ball and not the man, as written in the rule book. The professional plays the man, and killed the professional game in the east.

The so-called "pick", as they termed it, was a pick-off designed to free an offensive teammate for the basket. Naturally the professional game did not have the ideals of the collegiate game. The collegiate game flourished in the west and the professional game died in the east.

These same professional coaches, Nat Holman, Joe Lapchick and a great many others still are trying to thrust down the throats of college coaches the old proggame. There are those half-baked, toady easterners who think that only superiority comes from the east. But Nat Holman should know better than that because he came west once and met the small Bradley Tech team at Peoria, Illinois. I think the score was something like this - Bradley 69, City College 27.

I believe it was Nat who said that he would never let a boy shoot a one-handed shot like Hank Luisetti did when California came east; and he also said that he would not play against a team that used a zone defense.