

Here's another angle, Mac. Every court that we played on - in Buffalo, in New York City, in Philadelphia - the court was only 84 feet long and only 2 feet out of bounds under the basket. As soon as we got to St. Louis in the west we had 4 foot out of bounds under the basket. This makes a tremendous difference, as all the courts in the west are 94 feet long. The western players who are accustomed to the 4 foot out of bounds under the basket are greatly handicapped. The pro teams have a philosophy that a 94 foot court is too long - you work so hard because the two baskets are not in close proximity, and since the pros play a slower game they figure that extra 10 feet is wasted. The college courts in the west are all 95 feet by 50 feet and 4 feet out of bounds under the basket.

I would like to see some of the eastern teams come west. I promise you they will not make any records like the western teams when they go east. If you will count up the wins of the western teams going east this year you will find a big superiority of the western teams over the east playing on the eastern courts, and remember, when you play on these eastern boards you are handicapped ten points per game.

I do want to say a word for Ned Irish, however. I think he is the cleanest, squarest and finest basketball promoter in the country. Certainly he treats you much better than the N.C.A.A. treats you. He gives you part of the money that you make, and a good part of it, while the N.C.A.A. takes it all and the big-wigs travel over the country on it. And you are lucky if you get any money from the N.C.A.A. By the way, it has been nearly a year and the N.C.A.A. hasn't paid off yet on the tournament last March. What do you think of that? You can quote that, too, if you like. And if the N.C.A.A. would pay off we would