

The discriminatory no-tap above the basket defensive player rule should be known as the N.C.A.A. Basketball Rules Committee folly. They are still in the horse and buggy stage so far as progressive basketball rule making is concerned. It is pure discrimination against the defensive player "when a player touches a try for goal on its downward arc above the level of the basket".

On the other hand, they permit a towering offensive player to dunk the ball into the basket or to tap the ball into the basket when the ball is on the rim. In a court of law such obvious discrimination would not be countenanced. You can't have your cake and eat it too. Some rule must be changed, but no rule should be made that is discriminatory in character.

Why should altitudinous players be designated as mezzanine-peeping goons simply because they can reach the basket? Permit Harry "Big Boy" Boykoff of St. John's, and Milo Konenich of Wyoming, as well as Bob Kurland of Oklahoma Aggies, and George Mikan of De Paul, and all other versatile stratosphere players the full freedom of the floor and the air lanes without discriminating against them.

There is nothing sacred about a ten-foot basket. Dr. Naismith nailed his peach basket on the running track at Springfield College and it happened that the running track was ten feet high. The average modern basketball player's stature has increased one inch for the past ten years. Yet coaches are complaining about the tall player batting the ball away from the basket. The most simple thing would be to raise the basket higher than the tallest man can reach or jump. This one simple act in making a twelve-foot basket only for college and independent teams (not high school) would clear up 80% of the personal fouls from the players' drive-in and lay-up and would definitely remove the objection to the hyper-tall player.