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Basket ball is inexpensive to the player. The state pays the overhead. The expense to the player is a cotton gym shirt and a pair of tennis shoes or sneakers. One basket ball will last a whole season.

Golf, tennis and baseball grounds require maintenance. Even a school boy must pay to play golf on a public course. That same boy can play basket ball all winter in his school or church for nothing. And, in summer with a pair of hoops nailed to an upright 10 ft. from the ground, in his own backyard, he can continue the development of his health and skills with this ~~very~~ versatile game. In a tournament in Indianapolis alone, 600 teams engaged in basket ball. In the same city, 15,000 people paid admission each day for a high school tournament, lasting three days, and the doors were closed while hundreds were turned away.

I am sending a recent copy of "Health Rays" of the K.C. Missouri Public Schools, showing marked spaces devoted to basket ball. Please refer to page 3, wherein it states that 2,300 adult players have been playing basket ball recently. In one of the high schools alone, ~~there~~, the Paseo High School, Kansas City, there are 112 organized teams of basket ball.

I am enclosing a sheet from Iowa State College Daily Sports Service wherein it states there are ninety intramural teams ~~there~~ ^{there}. Also, you will find enclosed the December issue of the Kansas Athlete, page 3, wherein it shows ^{that} there are 644 organized competitive teams of basket ball out of a total membership of 657 senior high schools in the State of Kansas. Mr. E.A. Thomas, Executive Secretary of the Kansas State High School Athletic Association, estimates that there are 16,000 high school boys and 4,000 high school