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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 versatile game. In a tournament in Indianapolis alone 600 teams engaged in basket ball. In the same city 15,000 people paid admissions 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, 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. 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 girls playing basket ball in the high schools of Kansas this year. He further estimates there are 2,500 junior high school youngsters participating.

Incidentally there is more newspaper space devoted to basket ball in the mid-western papers in the winter than that given to all other sports combined - bowling included.

In looking over your manufacturer's list regarding the ten fastest growing sports in the United States, I thought it might prove interesting to you to submit Mr. Fred Turbyville's figures on the numbers taking part in intramural events in the different sports among the college people of America. This is a compilation from 255 colleges and universities in this country, published under the title "The Blue Book of College Athletics" and edited and published by McNitts, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio. In 255 colleges the number taking part in intramural events in the different sports are:

Baseball

21,889