

REPORT OF SURVEY

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In January your chairman sent a questionnaire to all committeemen and also forwarded a copy of this to certain of the key men in the association. Replies from practically all have come in. It is now time for a slight resurvey before the convention on April 4, 5.

The findings appear to be as follows: There is a very strong approval of the new game--- which may be characterized as that without the center tip--all through the country except in the south, the proportion of approval appears to be about ten to one. But a questionnaire circulated by Roy Mundorff of Georgia Tech almost reverses this for the Southeast part of the United States. Plainly though this is a minority opinion, in the light of proportionate area, still it should be given consideration. The summation shows for the United States as a whole that the game is faster, both players and spectators like it better; that there is no evidence the game is too tough for collegiate players, and except in a few cases it is felt not too tough for high school players; however, there are a few suggestions that work be done along the line of scientific investigation of the health angle.

There is a curious summation on the "pick-off" play. While many protest the "pick-offs" are not being called, yet most feel there is an improvement in general play along this line and hardly anyone cares to return to last years ruling. Therefore the three foot separation seems to be achieving the desired effect.

There is little agitation for freeing the foul circle or any part of it from the three second restriction. In regard to a much confused rule covering play along the center line a very great majority prefer a return to the 1936-37 ruling and in fact play this year was generally in accordance with the older rule.

There seems to be a general attitude of thumbs down on the new "Last-Bilt" ball. This is not strictly a matter of rules but since it does involve agreement when teams play each other, therefore, it easily becomes a serious matter. If the new ball should ever become better the game needs it, but if it has serious faults, free discussion would aid in eliminating these to the profit of both manufacturer and users. The new type basket have not generally found favor. A few like them and one suggests that he has returned to the cloth net, but has kept the red light feature.

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