

- BASKETBALL REBOUNDS -

Oklahoma Stalwarts Refute Loose
Talk That Tip-Less Game Weakens
Players.

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In view of all this loose talk about tipless basketball putting too much of a physical and nervous strain on the contestants, it is interesting to consider the opinion of Hugh McDermott, whose sophomore Oklahoma University team finished second to Kansas by one game for the Big Six championship.

McDermott's word on the subject swings more than average weight because his squad employs the quick break, runs all night and never heard of a delayed offense. If the game without the center jump is tougher on the boys, then it must be relatively tougher on a quick breaking team. But the Oklahoma Scotsman has had no such experience.

"Seven of the ten Oklahoma varsity players," "have actually gained weight through our gruelling schedule. Only two of our boys, both reserves, have lost weight. One of these dropped six pounds studying for final exams in January when we weren't playing basketball.

"Twice this season our whole squad has been examined by physicians who were unable to find any variance at any time in any boy's blood pressure or heart rate. Moreover, we have had only three cases of colds all season and that is exceptional. If the new rules had made for a more fatiguing game, this fatigue would have shown in loss of weight and susceptibility to colds.

The Pros and Cons on this subject are marshaling their forces for the impending battle at the coaches meeting in Chicago on April 4, and 5. Incidentally, Purdue, the fastest team in the Big Ten, is in first place and is showing no signs of being worn to a frazzle. And what team is raising the dickens with the Eastern League? Columbia, because it puts emphasis on speed and condition.

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