

## BASKETBALL REBOUNDS, Continued.

Bushnell and Salmon to Lend Expert  
Advice to Writers on National  
Tourney - By Everett B. Morriss.

The Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Association, proceeding yesterday with plans for the national intercollegiate hoop tournament at the Garden on March 9, 14, and 16, decided to obtain some expert outside help in the task of setting up an event which is expected to bring the 1937-38 court campaign to a rousing close.

The scribes invited Sir Asa Bushnell, Lord High Commissioner of the Ivy League and associated Eastern athletic groups, and H. H. Salmon, jr., chairman of the N.C.A.A. basketball committee, to serve as advisers to their tournament board. These distinguished executives of intercollegiate sport accepted promptly and the writers were properly appreciative.

Another positive step was taken in the matter of prizes for the participants. A perpetual trophy will be established for the tournament victor and the winning team will receive a replica of it for permanent possession. There will be an award also for the outstanding player in the tournament on the same basis. Members of the first-place squad will carry home gold medals, and there will be silver medals for the runners-up and bronze medals for all the other players in the tourney.

### National Game Underlined.

It is hoped by the writers that the venture will serve to emphasize their point that basketball is a national rather than a provincial game, and will help in furthering a better understanding among all the elements concerned with the development and welfare of the sport. Idealistic, perhaps, but none the less true.

Communications from outlying districts indicate that the tournament committee will have no difficulty in obtaining top-notch teams to meet the two survivors of the Eastern elimination scheduled for March 9. Eastern leaders outside of the New York area appear to be similarly eager to co-operate. The problem at the moment seems to be to persuade the metropolitan teams to participate in the tourney.

The tournament committee's plan for the Eastern play-offs - subject to change, of course, in the event of unforeseen developments calls for the two ranking New York teams to meet on March 9 two outstanding fives which have compiled impressive records in the Eastern territory. The winners of these games will go into the semi-finals on March 14 against two teams brought in from the Middle West and beyond the Mississippi. The finals are set for March 16.

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