

BASKETBALL REBOUNDS, continued.

Tom Foudy, of St. Mary's Wants
More Jeering and Referee Baiting.
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Every now and then the Coaches' association, or the N.C. A.A., or some university athletic council becomes annoyed at the wretched behavior of college basketball crowds. Then follows the usual routine- the situation is viewed with alarm and resolutions are adopted, condemning in solemn language the time-honored American custom of booing officials and opposing players.

Having done this, the next step is to sit back and wait for the students to curb their violent partisanship and supplant it with a glow of sweetness and light of such intensity that the Sportsman-ship Brotherhood will be moved to present scrolls to the penitents. But, somehow, the students prefer their freedom of expression. There is no demand for scrolls.

Now comes Tom Foudy, the dexterous word juggler who is the drum major of the St. Mary's College ballyhoo corps, deploring the fact that there is not enough jeering at opponents and baiting of referees at his college. He is not concerned with the ethics of the situation. He is worried about box office anemia and professes to think that the cure lies in spectator bad manners.

Says Terrible Tom: "That booing at California and Stanford is music. If we could only have that kind of noise at our games we'd pack the place. Our St. Mary's rooting sections are too kind to the officials. We know the rules too well, I guess."

Nuts, Mr. Foudy. Kindness and knowledge of the rules have nothing to do with it. The apathy of your crowds must have other origins. Here in New York our college basketball crowds are as well informed and as kindly disposed toward their fellow men as any in the country. Yet they intimate by their behavior at games that all referees should be sent to Alcatraz and that players opposed to their heroes are guilty of crimes that only can be expiated on the guillotine. Basketball booing is just a boiling over of the witch's cauldron in which is brewed that strange element known as college spirit. Or is it?