

the sports editors were tintured by the opinion of many of the coaches who doubtless had expressed their opinion on the 12 foot basket to the sportscasters and the sports editors. I ask how otherwise would the sportscasters and the sports editors know, unless they were just guessing it wouldn't be a good thing, because I am sure they haven't seen any 12 foot baskets.

Many Mark Cox has seen a pair. If he hasn't his guess on the baskets would be as good as the fact when he said the Eastern Intercollegiate play-offs were played in Independence Hall in Philadelphia in his article in Esquire.

You mentioned several of the coaches who were against the raising of the 12 foot basket. Wouldn't it have been fair to have mentioned more than Ward Dumbert as favoring the idea - say Henry Iba, Bruce Drake, and a score of others?

The elevated basket will come as sure as death and taxes. There is no way that these administrators can frame a rule that will not be discriminatory and I am going to get a great chuckle out of watching these boys that oppose a 12 foot basket view these 7 foot boys like Kurland. In their confusion they wouldn't know what to do, and they get licked. However, there is a way to beat a team with a 7 foot player but you have to spend many weeks in preparing for just that one team and one player. We will beat many teams with tall players and we have had very few tall centers. So I am not kicking on my own personal account, but I am endeavoring to improve the game. And please remember that there is no 12 foot basket suggestion for high school players, - just for college and independent teams.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. My suggestion always has been if and when such a rule should be enacted in elevating the basket that there should be a moratorium of three years in order to permit any player now in the game full play under the 10 foot basket. The oncoming tall players would naturally play under the new rule. Also, the free throw is suggested from a distance of 20 feet on account of the increased height of the basket making the trajectory easier for the thrower.

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