

several years without much criticism shows that basketball could have done so with profit much sooner. I have contended for this rule for a number of years because the crowd was always "on" the coach because they claimed he was coaching from the sideline. By permitting unlimited substitution and permitting this fellow to communicate with his fellows immediately upon going on the floor removed the criticism of coaching from the sideline. The master-minding of coaches is done away with by this rule.

The Personal Fouls Rule, permitting an increase from four to five, is a necessity because the rules committee by the elimination of the center jump had made it such a wild game that no good official can officiate the game properly.

I explained to you Saturday that the high school commissioners or executive secretaries have been asked by a certain publication of wide circulation to express their views. I told you off the record that these high school people are taking a hand in the matter because they do not like the "whittling remedy" that the rules committee has dished out to them. They are favoring a conscientious study of the game in an endeavor to eliminate as many of the inequalities of the game as possible. They state, "We high school fellows have been thinking about certain desirable changes for some time but have taken no active part in the controversy of higher goals and the curbing of the performances of the extra long boy. Since the rules committee has acted, however, it appears to me that the subject is as much ours for consideration as it is for anyone else. I am not endeavoring to agree with anyone in his particular view. All of us are entitled to our own views provided we are honest about them and use ordinary judgment in presenting them. This I have tried to keep in mind in preparing this article."

The point that I brought forth in my conversation is that there seems to be wide unrest among the high school people, and since they are unhappy they doubtless will do a lot of researching on their own account.

I purposely have stayed out of any suggestion for higher goals for high school people feeling that we college people had no right to suggest rules for them. But they have taken the initiative now and they want some questions answered from their angle. Therefore, I am sending you in confidence some of the questions that they want answered. I do not want you to publish the questions they have asked, but I am sending them to you to show you that they are moving in their questions, at least, toward the very thing that I have contended all the time -- that the only fair way to meet this situation and to not discriminate against anyone, is to raise the goal. According to their communication I am submitting in confidence these questions.

"Here are a few of the questions that should be answered:
1. Is it desirable that the game of basketball provide, as nearly as possible, equality of opportunity for all players?