

2. Does the present 10-foot basket give the extra tall boy an abnormal advantage over his opponents of reasonable and average height?
3. Is there anything sacred about the 10-foot basket now in use? If so, how was it decided that ten feet is the proper height?
4. Would those who oppose a higher basket also oppose a lower basket? If so, would their objection be that it would give the tall players too much advantage? (It should be observed that the 10-foot basket provides more advantage to the tall player now than a basket nine feet, six inches high would have provided twenty-five years ago).
5. If it is desirable to neutralize the advantage to the tall player, is there any way to do it except to raise the basket to a height that will not permit interference with opponents' bona fide shots and will not permit tall players to 'jump up and drop it in' without any chance of interference by shorter opponents?
6. Will it remove the abnormal advantage to the tall player if the baskets are raised so that every goal scored will have to be the result of a 'shot' whereby the 'shooter' must throw the ball at the basket and not merely 'lay it in'?
7. Will the raising of the baskets take away from the game some of the spectacular plays now enjoyed by players and spectators?
8. Does the rules committee have in mind further changes that will curb the offensive activities of the long, tall boys in order to compensate for curtailment of possible defensive demonstrations?

After the war there will be thousands of high school gymnasiums and athletic plants built. The old style low-ceiling basketball court will be entirely passe within a few years. Provisions for greater seating space will be necessary and if there are to be other requirements for more floor space, higher basketball goals, or any other facilities, then we should begin our plans to get ready for them and the basketball rules committee should act in a positive, educational way to solve the pending problems that will confront us, instead of resorting to negative performances of the new 'whittling' variety. "

Last week on April 12 "Dutch" Lonborg, one of my old players and captain of my University of Kansas basketball team in 1920, came out with the statement from Chicago that he didn't think the officials would have such a terrible time and thought the rules were pretty good. While on the other hand, Nick Kearns, veteran mid-western official from Chicago, denounced the rules the day before stating that the changes are placing too heavy a burden on the official. "Dutch" stated, "It is okay. It will de-emphasize offenses built around the tall boy and at the same time forces coaches to discard defenses which employ goalies. No coach will use a set up which might cost him five or six baskets in a single game."