

PERSONAL FOULS TO FIVE

As a case in point of treating symptoms instead of intelligently studying the causes, I wish to cite the elimination of the center Jump rule as an example. These rule committee members who advocated the center jump elimination claimed that the rule would drive the exceptionally tall player out of the game. All the rule makers did was to add more out of bound plays to the already too many and in addition they created this fire wagon, harum-scarum type of game that has placed a heavier burden on the poor officials. As now played the game leaves the players, officials and spectators fatigued and dizzy after forty minutes of kaleidoscopic, shuttle-hockeyized basketball jargon.

And the rules body now have with them a taller fellow than they had ever dreamed, together with a game that cannot be well officiated. Maybe six or eight personal foul allowed would be the just and proper limit considering the conditions of the game.

Certainly the elimination of the center jump was not the answer for the equalization of this gargantuan player who possesses such an unequal advantage under a low basket. Before the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee treats symptoms again without research or study suppose we freeze the rules before more blunders are made.

Science has now discovered a growth hormone which makes ordinary rats grow to about the size of small dogs. These growth hormones without doubt will be in great demand. Some basketball coaches doubtless will feed them to their altitudinous behemoths with the idea of developing a flock of basketball dunkers. Instead, I would feed the growth hormones to the ten foot basket with the idea of increasing the height a couple of feet.