

These are minor matters, Harold, but there is no reason why eighteen men, the original number that started to play under Dr. Naismith's direction, should not be possible in a game at present if the floor is large enough. With more men in the game the heart strain would not be so great on any one man as it is now; also, there would be more ball handling and in the natural process of play, no one individual would be subjected to the ordeal that they are in a five-man game.

I thought perhaps I had better drop you this line, and if you can put this on the wire at your convenience, I believe it will clarify a lot of problems in the minds of many high school coaches who feel that we are endeavoring to legislate their game into some sort of a change they do not like. The only criticism that I have of the high school game is that the elimination of the center jump has made a fire engine type of game for them instead of better ball handling and better fundamentals, and makes a hockey game out of it where good play suffers.

All the talks that I have given are made in relation to the college game; therefore, the 12-foot basket and the seven or nine-man team possibilities go for colleges only. I get many letters from high school coaches protesting against the thought of a 12-foot basket and the increase in the number of men on the team.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation
 Varsity Basketball Coach

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