

We have a boy named Richard (Dick) Dolloff, who is a junior in high school, who is very mature, weighs 205 pounds, is 18 years of age, and all of his life he has done heavy work, such as truck driving and working on a farm. His father died when he was 3 years of age, and he has lived in five different towns. A farmer just outside of Winfield gave him a job so he could play on the high school team there. Less than a month ago the Winfield team, which was an exceptionally strong team before Dolloff played, defeated the state champions, Newton, because nobody could score against this fellow, who is 6 feet 7 inches tall.

If the basket were raised to a height of 12 feet this giant would be forced to move out in the court to shoot the basket, and he would not have nearly the advantage he has now. However, I am not advocating anything but a 10 foot basket for high school boys, but I do advocate the 12 foot basket for college boys because it will more nearly equalize the exceptional height than anything else. However, I will elaborate on that if you care to hear more of it.

And again, they said that with the center jump eliminated we would have a fast break. Doubtless you noticed the Purdue-Illinois game, with a 23-13 score, in which the ball was held  $14\frac{1}{2}$  minutes by Purdue without a shot being taken, and I am told only about six shots were taken in the second half by each team. Counting the extra minutes which are now put in the game as a result of the new game, the scores are no higher than they were a year ago. Counting this extra time in they are not as high proportionately.

If the public wants to have a game in which time is out when all field goals and free throws are made, they could still have the game the same length by taking time out after each goal and only starting the count when the official tossed the ball up at center. Certainly this new game has shown an excessive strain on the heart of the young boy, and after all this game is for the boys.

Personally, I think the pendulum swung entirely too far because half of the Pacific Coast conference teams played without the tip and many people jumped at the panacea. However, my feeling is that the pendulum will swing back and we will have a more sane game than we are having at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,

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