

1 Everything was considered except the welfare of the players themselves, *it seems.*

2 As a member of the National Basketball Rules Body, I vehemently protested
3 the elimination of the center jump on the grounds that the 10 to 13 second
4 pause of the official when putting the ball into play at center gave the
5 players a temporary breathing spell. It also gave the spectators a mental

6 breath. Under the old rule, this brief rest period permitted ~~oxygenation~~ *re-oxygenation*

7 of the players' fatigued body cells and reestablished their proper physio-
8 logical balances. * *Insert II* ~~with II~~

9 Mortality records of insurance companies show that low blood pressure means
10 longevity. ~~Hyper-tension~~ and strain injures the blood vascular system. Cer-
11 tainly in these times of crises when we are having revealed unto us the high
12 percentages of physical unfitness of our American youth *as draftees* we should be more
13 cautious than ever ~~before~~ about the necessary lulls in their strenuous games.
14 Health balance should be the first consideration.

15 Basketball was primarily originated for youth. "It is a game easy to play
16 but difficult to master", said its ~~founder,~~ *originator?* Dr. James Naismith, fifty years
inventor?