

I do not know just how many malcontents there are over the change in the rule, but I think we should at this meeting set out some definite problems to study for this next year. These problems, of course, should be asked for by the rules committee, rather than the research committee. We do a good deal of research, but unless the rules committee asks that publicly then the public does not consider it as important as they should.

I have always had the notion that the coaches who were not winning generally were the ones who were finding fault with the rule. So far as the fundamentals of the game are concerned, they have not changed the game much. But they have increased the strain on the heart. The game is for the players first, and the spectators second. I think both the players and spectators are being harmed by this type of game now being played. There is more strain on the players' heart and there are fewer mental breathing spells which enable a connoisseur of the game to enjoy to the fullest the high lights of this very interesting and fast growing indoor game.

We have done just as well without the center tap as we have with it, but as a coach and a member of the rules body I think the game is too much hockeyized at present. There is too much of a shuttle monotony. So long as we have held balls we have the players jumping for the ball. Running, jumping, leaping, vaulting and climbing are the fundamental activities of man. Therefore, I cannot see why unless they eliminate all jump balls they should eliminate the center tap.

In my 30 years of coaching I have never had any man injured at the center jump, and especially when we have the three 6-foot radius circles. That seems to me as much protection as anybody could or should want.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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