

These eastern officials rule by intent rather than by what happens. This is the old pro game and the pro players who are now coaching - such as Nat Holman, and so forth, have not been able to keep up with the collegiate game that permits screening. The old pros had a rule that if you did that it was a foul. And so not being elastic and adaptable enough they still try to foist on the college game their ideas. Of course, it would be silly for Ned Irish to employ officials who would not carry forth the concepts of the eastern coaches. When you play in the east you do as Rome does, or else it is too bad.

In the Denver Post as of March 20, 1941, the New York Ohrbachs, in the National A. A. U. tournament, lost their only game by 21 points to a California team. As these eastern players were out west for the first time, they expressed themselves by saying that height, drive and superior physical condition gave the west a big edge over the east in major league basketball.

Syd Karp, ex-George Washington forward, said: "These western teams drive, drive, drive, all the time. They have plenty of tall men, who are extremely good basketball players. We have very few big men in the east, and a good big man always is better than a good little man on a basketball floor."

Said Joe Dzienkiewicz, former St. Francis college star, "Western teams keep popping away at the basket and if they miss, their tall men drive in for the tip-in shots. Our New York teams depend mainly on two-handed set shots and we haven't the height to follow in against a tall western team."

Said Abe Novak, 182 pound Ohrbach guard: "Teams out in the west seem to be in better shape. I think, tho, that officiating in the east doesn't penalize a defensive player as it does here and this helps us when we play bigger teams at home."

Mark Klauser, former New York sports writer who handled the Ohrbachs, said, "the A. A. U. tournament has the best basketball in the world." Karp believes eastern quintets show better team play than western teams, but said, "none of the teams that have played in Madison Square Garden would get beyond the third round in this tournament."

In basketball there are two distinct schools of thought, - the east with her pick-off and her referees' ruling on intent of the players - the west with her screen and her referees' ruling only on happenings. There in a nutshell you have one of the major differences in basketball philosophy between these two great basketball territories.