

St. John, Olson and all were in close harmony with Sam Barry and John Bunn who wanted the tip off eliminated. It is my definite conviction that St. John and Olson promised these Pacific Coast people that they would work for the elimination of the center tip and in my judgment the price was games with Ohio State on the coast. Now, I do not want you to quote me on this, but I have made this statement confidentially to a number of people, and I am in just as good a position to prove it as a fellow could be without hearing them make the deal.

That is why I say that the price of the rules committee is for what some of these fellows can get out of it. That is why I am not much interested any more in such people's activities. Life isn't worth it, and why should I worry about it. St. Clair is a fine fellow, but just another politician when it comes to office hope. Oswald Tower is an honest, square-shooting fellow, the editor of the Rules Committee, but St. John has always had June Salmon as chairman, or some fellow that he could definitely handle, and this fellow would go at the direction of St. John. The Canadian people do not oppose much. They are fine people. The Y.M.C.A.'s for a while tried to dictate but saw they were out of luck and they present little opposition. St. John uses the high school people like Floyd Rowe of Cleveland, to the best of his advantage, but H. V. Porter is a tough nut to crack, and in my opinion he is the brains of the outfit but he does not play with them only in an administrative capacity.

But here's the thing, Harold, these fellows have the majority. They have eight votes and whatever they want to put through they do. Now don't misunderstand me. They are intelligent fellows in a way, but the slate is made in the N.C.A.A. set-up. It doesn't take long to have a rule passed. You can have it passed in one year or in one hour, but unless the powers that be want it, you would have a tough time except where it is overwhelmingly in favor, then of course they would not fight it.

The reason, as I have told you, why this taller basket doesn't go over is because all the high school players like to drive in for a lay-up and they are afraid that will take too much out of the game. In fact, if you see most high school players play when they have a good shot out 20 feet from the basket they will start dribbling in for the shot, whereas if they just stood and made their shot they would have a good shot unmolested. I study these things and watch intramural games and high school teams play, and I see it repeated so many times that I can understand why they are against the 12 foot basket. But that is not for the high schools, you understand.

(8) I have just covered the center jump. You stated it was preceded by a year or so of experimentation. No, they tried to put it over the first year, but they were whipped on it. Then John Bunn, Sam Barry, with the aid of St. John and Olson and the rules committee, naturally had the cards stacked to the point that it went over but it was not a popular move, and right now there is much opposition against the play without the center jump. But I do not think it will ever come back because the high school play over the nation manages, consciously and unconsciously, the doubtfulness of the return of the center jump, and the difficulty with the 12 foot basket is because high school coaches and players still think we are trying to put the 12 foot basket idea over on them.

(9) The ten second rule was o.k.'d without first trying it out as an