

nine-tenths of the questionnaires are useless because the coach generally put in there what he doesn't like and sometimes the phrasing of the question would not convey the intent of the committee which wrote that question. I was on the questionnaire committee; in fact, have been on almost all of the committees and if you would see some of the questionnaires filled out you wouldn't give some of the coaches any too much credit for above normal intelligence. Don't think I am griping, Harold, I have just seen so much of it that you get very few unselfish coaches. The questionnaire committee makes a survey of all the questionnaires and reports to the rules committee their findings. If you get 80 per cent in favor of a thing it is almost sure to go over, but you know the questionnaires won't get 80 per cent.

(15) There is very little goal-tending in high school basketball because, as I explained to you, the high school player is not agile and altitudinous, and too, many principals would not stand for it, because it looks unsportsmanlike to many people. The principals still have much to do with athletics in high school, while at the universities the administrators leave it to the whims and caprices of the athletic people and sometimes there is very little of a sporting quality considered. It is more mob psychology - beat the invaders - and they all settle for a Roman holiday.

(16) No, I do not think that on account of the Y.M.C.A.'s and the Canadian association being members they mitigate against the committee's adopting changes made by the coaches association. As I told you, the dominant group is the N.C.A.A. group. Then the next most important is the High School Federation, with the Canadian Association and the Y.M.C.A. people playing a very small part.

(17) I think I have explained the 17th question thoroughly in my other statement previously.

(18) Yes, the 12 foot goal proposal was the first proposal ever made, so far as I know, for equalizing the height of a tall player. Ever since 1900 I have been closely associated with basketball and with Dr. Naismith until he passed away in 1939. I have played with and against tall players and have seen especially versatile shorter men being crowded out and hipped around by some taller fellow. It is the hipping out of these shorter players under a 10 foot basket that adds to the congestion. Some time, as a spectator, go down and watch Bruce play and watch the hipping that goes on under a 10 foot basket. Then get Bruce to put up a pair of 12 foot baskets and watch the absence of hipping. Why? Because it is not necessary. The arc of dispersement when the ball falls out further and when a goal is missed is greater with a 12 foot basket, and there is a greater area that is not congested.

All I ask is for these fellows to try it and apply the rule and see if they don't get a cleaner game. Then get officials and have them run a game and see how many fewer fouls are called. It is possible that you will see an entire game played without the referee awarding that extra free throw for the foul. Now go back in your records and see how many extra free throws are awarded on fouls when goals are attempted. It will startle you. And the more you study it the stronger you will be for a 12 foot basket.