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80% of out of bounds plays are called by players when they walk away denoting inherent honesty, even though possession of the ball is sometimes more important than being allowed to shoot a foul. Yet the same boy may have a foul called on him for questioning an officials decision.

Coaches and players prepare for weeks ahead and an unprepared official thoughtlessly neutralizes honest work.

As in discussion of recent football changes, officials rebel at possible demands. One official paid \$25 for an evening's work rebelled because he had to change shirts. So put across the idea of contrast between players and officials after several years of effort one institution bought sweaters which disappeared suspiciously. One official ass'n has been unable or unwilling to answer this question-naire within a month but they will swear they do not confuse, guessing, observation and judgment.

All concerned must embrace fundamentals of cooperation, willingness to study, learn and listen, proper attitude and much effort.

If there can be no agreement after thought and study in conference or in seclusion—there can be no agreement in the confusion of a game.

Conclusion

The rules must be clarified so as to be uniformly and consistently interpreted by every one concerned.

If the rules committee will say that a man, offensive or defensive is entitled to any standing position on the floor, but in return for this advantage is responsible for contact if he moves to impede an opponent, then the official will have a constant guide, not be forced to guess most of the time, the players and coaches will know when they have the advantage or the disadvantage, and better feeling will be developed as well as better playing technique. This statement would eliminate absurd situations that allows a pivotal offensive man toback the defensive pivot man off the floor one week end then in thefollowing week have an offensive man be put out of a game because he passively stood in the way of a charging defensive man.