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and the Bruins stalled until the final gun."

This is the observation I desire to make. During that last minute of the clever professional team took the ball in back court and stalled and the Purdue All Stars could not take the ball away from them. Had the center rule been in effect they would have been forced in 10 seconds to have brought the ball across the center of the court and could not under any conditions passed it back until they had taken a shot at the basket or until possession had been gained by their opponents and they had recovered from their opponents in the offensive area.

Merely touching the ball by an opponent does not change the situation. You will notice that it says, obtains and possession and control. Possession and control means just what it says and nothing else.

We charged this Bruins-Purdue game for a definite reason. We wanted to see how many times the rule would be invoked had they played under this new rule. Of course, they were not playing under the new rule and they paid no attention to it, but the new rule would have affected their play 16 times during the game in a very definite way. Especially the last minute would have been much fuller of action than it was with the Bruins stalling. This rule will positively put an end to stalling in the last few minutes of the game to protect a narrow lead.

The team must try to score or lose the ball. It is impossible to play a game of keep-away or stall game on one-half of the floor area. This half court area would permit of but 22½ square feet of floor space for each man. In other words you have just cut the court in half and put 10 men in it and it is impossible for one team to long retain possession of the ball.

The other rather drastic change was in regard to the so-called post play or pivot play. No player of the side standing in the free throw lane, (and that includes the free throw ~~circle~~ circle, that area bounded by the straight lines and the circle which includes the free throw mark), no player of the offensive side standing with his back to the goal may retain possession of the ball in that area longer than three seconds. This rule is intended to curtail this blocking type of play, where a big husky pivot man receives the ball and by a process of weaving and blocking either fakes to pass to a man and whirls and shoots or else ~~the~~ holds the ball until certain block plays can be put on. This rule along with the line across the center of the court was intended to speed up the game. It undoubtedly will.

The second count is not the usual 1-2-3 count but is to be administered as the artilleryman's count or the count in which the artilleryman estimates seconds by firing. It is suggested by the Rules Committee that the officials inaudibly count their seconds in this fashion and after this manner - 1,001, 1,002, 1,003. By putting thousand in there it is very easy to get the rhythm. Since the officials have always ruled on the 5 sec. count out of bounds and 10 sec. count on the free throw, it was felt that this was perfectly in line with procedure already in effect.