

Sam Barry is the only man on the coast that uses set plays. John Bunn, Nibs Price and the rest of the boys hurry the ball back and forth across the court without any design on offense or defense. John Bunn uses what he calls the freedom offense, and I think with Mr. Luisetti in the line-up he seems like he is generally free.

So I have always said that the coast boys of necessity had to do what they did in eliminating the center jump to have the game attract attention. I am not criticizing their game in the least, and I do not want this published in this manner because it would look like we were openly criticizing the game.

I would kindly refer you to our chapter on Practical Research in Basketball on page 19 and running through to page 29, of "Better Basketball". The kidneys and the blood stream have always told the answer scientifically regarding strain. There is no question in my mind that the present game of basketball will wreck the player who endeavors to play through a full season and participate in all the games without much substitution.

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The proponents of the new rules state that the new rule has increased the playing time seven minutes. This is an impossibility because they have not increased the playing time one iota. The ball is dead when the ball goes through the hoop. And had the rule-makers last year declared the ball dead after a field goal was made and tossed the ball up at center the game would be identically the same length this year as it would have been last year had that rule been adopted.

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As for speeding up the game, it may or may not speed up the game. It is merely owing to how the opponents play the ball. If the side scored upon desires to take the five seconds out of bounds before he throws the ball in he may also take ten seconds in addition to the five before he crosses the division line. In other words, it is possible to withhold the ball from the offensive court from 13 to 14 seconds after the goal is made.

Another argument. There has never been any effort made to try to equalize the jump. By the rotation jump it is possible to have the jumpers rotate the same as you would have the batting order in baseball. There is no difficulty experienced in the players getting lined up in their batting order in baseball. If you had a rotation of jumpers for the tap you would have just as little difficulty here as you would have in the batting order in baseball.

In the Big Six here on every held ball on the court during play the ball is tossed up in one of the three 6-foot-radius circles. It is always tossed up in the circle that is nearest to the held ball when the official declares it.