

Gone perhaps is the thrilling last-minute finish of the game-winning goal-rush, for the defense will now have possession of the ball as soon as the offense scores. The elimination of the center jump has denied this old thriller to the crowds of the future. Formerly with two or three minutes remaining to be played, a team behind in the score would capture the ball after each tip-off and sometimes shoot two or three field goals to win and to send its followers away hysterical. This cannot happen now, because possession automatically resides with the team scored upon. And, too, there is now a rules provision which prohibits a team behind in the score from fouling intentionally after a successful free throw, in order to gain possession of the ball.