

Dr. Allen argues that this unsavory and unworkable authority given to the officials certainly would not make the game anything but a guessing contest..

He wants officials to call 'em as they see 'em. No more guessing games.

"Just as soon as we encourage the use of set plays or key men to check a player in pursuit of his opponent, we are destroying one of the fundamental factors of offense," writes Holman.

"This," declares Dr. Allen, "is in direct conflict with the majority thought of the National Basketball Coaches Association, as well as the expressed statement of the Rules Guide."

In Madison Square Garden this season, fans noted looks of utter bewilderment on the faces of western players after an eastern official had called a blocking foul.

This difference in interpretation has devoloped into more than a variation of technique.

It has resulted in a whole new style and theory of play, something the founders of the game never intended.

Rule interpretations should be standardized. As things stand, the West and East are playing almost two different games. That's an unhealthy state.

The boys ought to get together.

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