

CURVED BACKBOARD PROPOSED

St. Louis, March 31. — (A. P.) — A new basketball backboard curved convexly to make field goals possible from the deep ends of the court was proposed Friday to increase the game's scoring opportunities.

Coach Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of the University of Kansas, who saw the convex board demonstrated, called it a "marvelous idea" for increasing scoring and action—"That's what puts over any sport."

Altho at present a basketball

court may extend from two to four feet behind the backboard, the four-foot extension has been recommended to the national rules committee, which will meet in New York May 1 and 2.

A player in this zone finds it almost impossible to score with the present flat backboard. The suggested board, curving back four inches on each side, eliminates the "blind spots."

It was invented by two St. Louisans, Len Maune and George Chervenko.

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