

## A STUDY OF BASKETS AT DIFFERENT HEIGHTS

### The Problem and Methods

At the 1931 meeting of the National Association of Basketball Coaches a research committee was appointed to investigate suggested changes in the rules. This report deals with the suggested change in the height of the baskets and backboards.

Agitation for a change in the height of the goals was initiated by Dr. Forrest C. Allen of the University of Kansas. His suggestion was a counter to the move to eliminate the tip-off. The action in both of these instances was brought about through the desire to equalize the alleged advantage of the tall player over the short one. Doctor Allen's original suggestion was to raise the baskets to twelve feet above the floor.

This suggestion was presented to the National Association of Basketball Coaches assembled in New York on March 28, 1931. It was not presented as a change for the season of 1932, but for the consideration of the coaches and rules committee during that season. The matter will be formally presented at the next meeting of these two groups for their decision.

This report submits statistics and opinions for comparison of goals at three heights, 10, 11, and 12 feet. Data and observations were recorded concerning not only the observed and measurable effect of the different heights of goals upon the tall player, but also concerning