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Henry B. Stuart Sizes Up the Tall and Short Boy Basketball Situation.... Lines on Ballplayers.... Bruno Haas Believes a Record He Holds Is Safe

(By The Star's Sports Editor.)

WITH all the current talk about penalizing tall boys in basketball it is only natural that our chief outside adviser should call for a hand.

"I am not in favor of 12-foot baskets and I would not penalize any boy because he is tall," says Henry B. Stuart. "When you legislate against the tall boys you are disregarding the laws of physiological compensation. I believe that I am trying to say that if you penalize a boy for being tall you should hang some weights on the feet of the boys who are smaller but so much faster than the tall ones. The tall boys can't move fast. The fast boys can't reach high."

Then Henry B. Stuart extends his regards to the rules makers.

"To them I would say, 'Gentlemen, if you have something else to do, such as living or loving or hunting or fishing, go do it and lots of it before you come here again with the idea of making rules that will penalize a boy for being tall,' " advises our No. 1 friendly heckler.

Mike's Now a Night Club Operator.

JUST BASEBALL: Bill Hitchcock, former Blue infielder, now with Detroit, came out of the service a major.... Bill Klem, the veteran National league umpire, is 72, but probably could still umpire a better balls and strikes game than most active arbiters.... Mike Kreevich, who used to play for the Blues, is now a night club operator in Springfield, Ill.... Admitting that the Yanks and the Red Sox will bear a lot of watching in the pennant race, Dick Wakefield of Detroit picks Washington as capable of waging the sternest opposition.... Just like going home when Roy Johnson, the powerful Cub coach, accompanies the team to its training quarters on Catalina island because he used to spend his winters there.... Harry Danning, former Giant catcher, is a motor car dealer in Culver City, Calif., but has found time (no cars to sell) recently to help Jimmy Dykes in coaching the White Sox batterymen.... Connie Mack believes the Cardinals will win the National league pennant race and either the Yankees or the Red Sox in the American.... Connie picks the Cubs, the Dodgers and the Braves to finish in that order back of the Cardinals and he lists the Detroit Tigers and the Cleveland Indians as the other two first divisioners in the American loop.

They Won't Fly With the Jug.

THE COCKTAIL HOUR: Bruno Haas, who later became an outfielder with St. Paul, pitched for Connie Mack in 1915 and walked sixteen men in one game.... Haas, who will manage Fargo in the Northern league this season, says the record will continue to stand because no modern manager will leave a pitcher in the game that long.... Pro golfers will not accompany Jug McSpaden on his flying trips. They say that Jug's sense of direction isn't so good and as a result he flies too low by way of keeping tab on where he is and where he's going.... Mrs. Robert Seeds, the wife of a former Blue outfielder, once owned and operated a southern minor league club.... The golf champion of Columbia will coach University of Missouri golfers this spring. That, of course, will be Chauncey Simpson, who smacks a mean pellet down anyone's fairway.... Red Kane, defense man of the Tulsa ice hockey team, has baseball aspirations.... A publicity blurb from the office of the American Association calls attention to a Toledo rookie named Joseph Morjoseph, who broke into baseball in St. Joseph, Mo., and later played with St. Joseph, Mich.

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