

It may well be explained here that the local Olympic committee of any country chosen to be host to an Olympiad has the right to choose one national sport for demonstration at the games, and, after sounding out the majority minds of competing foreign countries, may add one foreign sport for demonstration sport at Olympic program. Lacrosse, which had been included as a demonstration sport at the IX Olympiad at Amsterdam, was again included at Los Angeles as the international demonstration sport.

It may well be explained here, too, that Olympic programs are always full, and it is next to impossible to carry out their scheduled programs within a fortnight. Basketball was only one of many as yet unrecognized sports in Olympic games that was clamoring for its place in the sun. In California, lawn tennis was among the first loves and yet had to be denied. Canoeing and rugby and handball and badminton and all kinds of shooting and billiards and many other American sports were pleading along with basketball to be recognized.

Scores of American basketball teams were anxious to participate. Mexico, Canada, the Philippines, and Japan wanted to send teams if the demonstration games could have been arranged at Los Angeles.

However, again we could not count our four years of effort lost. Ground had been gained. For four years the word 'basketball' had been appearing incessantly on the pages of correspondence and had been reverberating in the ears of the powers behind the Olympiad throne. These echoes were being heard round the world.

So we went to the X Olympiad at Los Angeles with our eyes on the XI Olympiad to be held in Berlin, in 1936.

At a dinner at that time with the Japanese Olympic Delegation in Los Angeles, Mr. Sohaku Pi of Waseda University, Tokyo, told us that annually in Japan they hold what they call the Far Eastern Olympics, which include basketball tournaments with China, Japan, the Philippines, and other Far Eastern countries competing for the championship of the Orient. Japan had won for three straight years.