

Coaches. I remember a few outstanding coaches who were there -- Clarence "Nibs" Price, of California, the Big Ten coaches, the Missouri Valley coaches, - in fact it seemed as if we had the majority of the nation's coaches there. They elected me as the first president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the following year they re-elected me.

During all the time that I have been connected with the National Basketball Coaches Association the coaches have never proposed an important change to the rules body without it being adopted. I think that is an exceptional record. Born in a state of insurrection, so to speak, the Coaches Association has been the Rules Committee's best advisor.

We immediately started on research work. We would try certain projects out before we would recommend them to the Rules body. I served for a number of years as chairman of the Research Committee of the Coaches Association, and also for a number of years I was chairman of the Research Committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee. There has been much research done. John Bunn at Stanford, Porter, of Chicago, and I perhaps have done the most. Until the formation of the National Association of Basketball Coaches there was no research work done. There is much being carried on at present.

So, as Dr. Naismith was the originator of the game of basketball, we here at Kansas have been the originators of the formation of the Coaches Association and the research work.

In 1929 I wrote an article for Major Griffith in the Athletic Journal entitled "Basketball in the Olympics". Even prior to this I had been working on incorporating basketball in the Olympic Games. In 1932 I obtained approval that we have basketball as a demonstration game in the Olympics in Los Angeles, but due to a monetary consideration a game of football was put on which Pop Warner, Jimmy Phalan and the Coast crew promoted - a demonstration for money and not for the sport. So basketball lost out.

I continued the fight and while at Los Angeles met Sohaku Ri of Waseda University at Tokyo, Japan, and had communications with Dr. Carl Diem, of Berlin. Dr. Diem notified me here in Lawrence prior to any notification in the country that basketball had been incorporated in the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. I then visited the executive committee of the National Basketball Rules Committee, Major Griffith of the National Collegiate, and I formulated and started the drive for the "Naismith Night", the money to be obtained to buy Dr. Naismith a home that he had lost during the World War, and to send him to Berlin, Germany. We raised seven thousand dollars by this means, and the entire sum was turned over to Dr. Naismith.