

merely a historical book and well worth the money from the standpoint of history.

Andy, the greatest difficulty that you will have in seeking unbiased information from the present coaches will be the fact that most of these fellows think they originated these ideas. I have heard more than fifty men claim that they were the originators of the five-man defense. Meanwell claimed that he was the original pivot and short pass man.

I played against the Buffalo Germans in 1905 when we licked them for the so-called world's championship. They were the original pivot and short pass chaps if there ever were any, and the history of Dr. Meanwell's rise in basketball was due to the fact that he studied medicine in Buffalo and while there was a teacher of wrestling and boxing in the Y.M.C.A. He never played basketball but he used the Buffalo German's pivot and short pass that he learned at Buffalo when he coached basketball at Wisconsin and Missouri. It was not Meanwell's at all, but the Buffalo Germans, but he being connected with basketball used it as his.

Personally, I think you have a pretty tough go if you work on the basis of your listings on sheet #1 because it will not be authentic due to the pathfinders and the pioneers of the game having passed on. The fellows in the game at the present time are not historians, but most of them are boys who have borrowed these ideas from the old-timers and the pathfinders who have passed on. There are always pathfinders before pioneers, you know.

On sheet #2, a study of the men and their definite contribution to basketball, should be easier.

I believe the evaluation of the game would be much more authentic by using this Association book as a legitimate background, and then working in the development of the game from then on up would be something that you could bank on. In my book, "Better Basketball", I give the evaluation of the game from the playing standpoint, and this Association book gives it from Dr. Naismith's standpoint of the original game.

I might also say that while I was chairman of the Research Committee we definitely settled on the terminology of the game which then was in a very bad way. Each section called a certain play situation by a different name.

It might be a fine idea to assemble all the texts on basketball that have been written and see where the new ideas have come from in these texts. Certainly authors who write would be organized to bring out these thoughts, and a research of the texts of these authors would be a definite research work well done.