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of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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9. (a) Is the present game as interesting and scientific as it was with the center jump? Yes No
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Signed: Marty Peters (Coach.....) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other.....)

Institution Represented: St. Benedict's College College..... High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

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Signed: Dwight P. Thomas (Coach......) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other.....)

Institution Represented: College...... High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

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Signed: R. O. Armstrong (Coach) (Official) (Administrator) (Other)

Institution Represented: College High School Y. M. C. A. Other

City Chadron, State Nebraska

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Institution Represented: College Cuba-Stockton High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

City Canton State Missouri

The molded type ball is satisfactory, if the same type gauges are used, but in several instances this year we have used opponents gauges, and on checking the ball with our gauge we found 11 lbs on one - 9 lbs on another - 8 1/2 lbs on another.

In each of these games our offensive and defensive rebounding was definitely poor, which makes me feel, that the molded ball is more sensitive to inflation than the regular type ball, and when over or under inflated the action of the ball is quite different.

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City Mt Vernon..... State Iowa.....

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I would like to see the suggestion of Rule Hoy put into effect or be seriously considered, that is, remove the clause in the rules limiting a player to 4 fouls. I have seen too many cases where a man has three fouls and an opponent deliberately picks on him + shoves him around causing a double foul to be called, or rather, resulting in a double foul being called, removing the boy with 3 fouls. There are many other good arguments which have probably been called to your attention already.

L. C. Deane

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(b) The best bouncing reaction of a ball is: (1) More seams, the molded type ball is (1) More satisfactory (2) Usually as satisfactory (3) Less satisfactory

Signed: L. C. Deane
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Signed: Floyd H. "Mickey" McBride. (Coach......) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other...... **Director**)

Institution Represented: College..... High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

City: Ada, Oklahoma. State: Oklahoma.

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Signed: Willis D. Lamb (Coach) (Official.....) (Administrator.....) (Other.....)

Institution Represented: College CoE High School..... Y. M. C. A..... Other.....

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Institution Represented: College Bethany High School Y. M. C. A. Other

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This study was made by Ernst A. Uhrlaub, a graduate student at the University of Kansas, for his Master's Degree, in collaboration with Dr. Forrest C. Allen, Director of Physical Education and Prof. E. R. Elbel of the Department of Physical Education of the University of Kansas.

The following is only a brief of this writer's study as time is too short to go into detail and will not be completed until the end of this present school year when it will be presented as his Thesis.

The study was prompted by the statement made by Coach Lew Andreas of Syracuse University at Syracuse, N. Y. that the present elimination of the center jump made the game of basketball too strenuous for high school athletes. Since no data was forwarded in Coach Andreas' statement this writer determined to find out how much hyper-strenuous activity a high school player indulges in by playing a game. The criterion of movement was that movement made by a player greater than a walk.

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	1	2	3	4				
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Regular season Ave. 13	12.30	13.00	13.00	13.92	32	14.61	20.23	66.07
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Greatest elapsed time played	17.0	18.0	16.0	21.0	32	19.00	29.00	75.0

TABLE II

This table shows the average hyper-strenuous activity of 149 high school players in quarters and the total for entire game.

No. Individual Cases	Quarters				Entire Game
	I	II	III	IV	
149	2 minutes & 1.6 seconds	2 minutes & 4.1 seconds	2 minutes 8.5 sec.	2 minutes 17.2 sec.	8 minutes 31.4 sec.

* In the regional tournament in 12 of the 16 games an average of 26.6 fouls per game were called, while in the State Class "A" at Topeka, Kansas the average was 17.6 fouls per game. This difference of 9 fouls per game is the cause for greater elapsed time for the games during the regional tournament than those of the State Class "A". Fouls were recorded only in these two tournaments.

TABLE III

Compares the Forwards, Centers and Guards in their strenuous activity A -- Individual cases from regular season, a county tournament, State District and State Regional tournaments and B -- those in the State Class "A" tournament of Kansas.

Positions	Number of Player	Quarters				Total for Entire Game
		I	II	III	IV	
A Forwards	24	2' 14.3"	2' 31.4"	2' 25.7"	2' 20"	9' 35.2"
B Forwards	32	2' 8.5"	2' 5.5"	2' 10"	2' 23.8"	8' 44"
A Centers	22	2' 23.8"	2' 23.9"	2' 28.9"	2' 38"	9' 54.6"
B Centers	16	1' 55.9"	1' 50.3"	1' 57.8"	2' 12"	7' 56"
A Guards	23	1' 58.3"	2' 2.8"	2' 14.2"	2' 24.4"	8' 39.7"
B Guards	32	1' 38.5"	1' 34.3"	1' 41.3"	1' 52.3"	6' 46.4"

Brief conclusions from the above findings

1. In high school basketball games as much time is consumed for intermissions and interruptions as for actual play.
2. That high school players' hyper-strenuous activity averages 2 minutes and 1.6 seconds to 2 minutes and 17.2 seconds per quarter. In other words the players' strenuous activity is but $\frac{1}{4}$ of the actual playing time and only $\frac{1}{8}$ of the total elapsed time of the game.
3. In conclusion this writer does not believe that the average high school player is hurt physically where he must pass an examination by a physician before he can participate in athletic contests, mainly in basketball with the elimination of the center jump.