



Denver Honors Father of Basketball

DENVER has as its honored guest in the National A. A. U. Basketball Tournament Dr. James A. Naismith, the inventor of the game. What the committee hopes was a fitting tribute was paid the "father of basketball" opening night. None was more deserving of the honor than the only living inventor of a major sport, one that has swept the world and is being included on the Olympic program for the first time this year.

We hope this has been a happy homecoming for Dr. Naismith. You see, he coached the first championship team in the Rockies at the Denver Y. M. C. A. in 1897. That was just a few years after he invented the game at Springfield Y. M. C. A. College in 1891. So we trust his return to the scene of early triumphs will revive pleasant memories.