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BASKETBALL AND THE WAR

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ON DECEMBER twelfth Congress received a most comprehensive new draft bill that would require every man in the nation between the ages of eighteen and sixty-five to register for service. It further provides that all those from nineteen to forty-five are liable to military service, the others to register in other phases of our vast war effort.

The military authorities have said that they are not primarily concerned with the military knowledge of the recruits, but that they would be thankful if the recruits were in adequate physical condition and appreciated the value of the proper health habits which are necessary to maintain efficient physical and mental health. The quickest way to train recruits for fighting is to have them study and practice the specific activities involved in war. But, the authorities know that the progress of such learning, if it is to be practical, must necessarily be in keeping with the physical ability of the individual to stand such a rigorous training. There can be no question that a program of military training pursued with lads who are in first class physical condition will proceed more rapidly than a program organized for recruits who, in addition to being in need of training in military activities, also require a great deal of time to get them into satisfactory condition to practice and perform these activities effectively.

In the face of these facts it is our duty to continue to promote basketball contests and to encourage as many of the boys of our schools as we can to participate in this sport, which develops so many attributes that may be useful to the fighting

man. Some may ask, in what way sport is related to the subject of military preparedness. Sport is essentially play and war is essentially work. The two seem to be at opposite poles. Nevertheless, it has been recognized by coaches that there is a direct and positive relationship between the play of sports and the work of war; and I may add, the work of living. Activity in sports is a primary means of developing and maintaining the high degree of physical competence needed by fighting men. As a means to this end basketball is an effective aid. It is becoming more and more a game of speed, of skill, of alertness, of quick judgment, of cleverness, of stamina, and of sportsmanship and morale. It is becoming less and less a game of brute strength. Assessing the qualities necessary for a capable soldier we will make no mistake when we advise a young man to prepare himself for his national duty by seriously playing basketball. Every muscle of his body will be developed for stamina, for quick action and deliberate action. His mental reactions will be quickened by the rapidly changing phases of the game.

There are three factors in basketball, no less than in other competitive sports, which the player should keep in mind. Assuming the necessary educational background, a lad aspiring to a commission in the military services has a strong recommendation in his favor if he has had the experience of competitive sports. Secondly, if he has had this experience recently, in all probability, he is in the necessary physical condition to weather the exacting discipline which he must undergo to prove himself worthy of a commission. And, finally, he knows quite a lot about discipline because he has willingly subjected himself to exacting discipline. He has proved he can take it! He is in a better position to impose it if he must.

ORGANIZE CHICAGO WRITERS GROUP

When West Texas State set a record of 70 points in the Oklahoma City all-college tournament, substitute Chuck Johnson made the 66th point which broke the record and substitutes Ledru Jacobs and Norman Trimble sank a field goal each . . . Coach Shorty Almquist, Rock Island (Ill.) H. S., claims Jim Holland holds scoring ace of opponents scoreless

by hypnotism . . . Art Morse, graduate manager of athletics at DePaul University, is trying to get a Basketball Writer's Association started in Chicago modeled after the one in N. Y. . . . Wally Borrevik, 6-8 Oregon center, injured in an auto accident last spring and advised to give up college competition for a year, is now playing with an oil company team.

AN APOLOGY AND A PLEA TO THE COACHES ASSOCIATION

THE INITIAL issue of the National Association of Basketball Coaches Bulletin has been unreasonably delayed for which an apology is due to the membership as a whole.

At the same time we feel that some part of this delay is attributable to circumstances beyond our control. In the future we trust that delay will not be due to any failure on the publication end of your Bulletin.

It is our hope to get out the next edition of the Bulletin the last week of February, in advance of the annual meeting, so that the membership can be acquainted with problems that will be discussed at this gathering of members.

In order to adequately present these problems and acquaint the entire membership with these factors it is necessary for all members who are serving on the various committees to acquaint me with your progress. Please forward any data or research being carried forward in your district so that we can spread the word. Pictures, charts and statistical information is invaluable to your associates. Not being in possession of the membership roles of the various committees I am addressing this plea to you individually.

Several organizations and committees have been kind enough to cooperate for this issue but too many have overlooked contributing.

For your information the reason for the publication delay let me say that in early December following receipt of a communication from our president, Nels Norgren, I agreed to undertake editing and publishing the Bulletin under the direct supervision of the committee. This request was the first response to my suggestions along this line made to the Executive Committee last March. It naturally found my organization not equipped to handle the Bulletin as it should be done to best serve the entire membership.

Since receiving instructions to get out the Bulletin my staff has been in the process of reorganization due to the loss of three members to the armed forces of this country. All of you can appreciate the additional duties which have thus devolved upon myself and the staff. Until a breathing spell in the winter schedule here we neglected the Bulletin matters. At the same time my requests to coaches for material for the most part were overlooked or the material delayed so that we are approximately four weeks late in publishing.

You can rest assured that we will not permit this delay in the future and we earnestly request each and every one to help with prompt contributions.

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N.C.A.A. TOURNAMENT DATES SET

Eastern and Western Playoffs March 20-21 at New Orleans and Kansas City with Championship in Kansas City March 28. Dr. Wilbur C. Smith and George R. Edwards Named as Managers.

By H. G. OLSEN

Ohio State University

Chairman, N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament Committee

THE EASTERN Play-Off will be held in the Municipal Auditorium at New Orleans on March 20th and 21st. The manager of the Play-Off is Dr. Wilbur C. Smith, Director of Athletics, Tulane University, New Orleans. The teams competing in the Eastern Play-Off will represent districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the N.C.A.A. (in other words, the section east of the Mississippi River).

The Western Play-Off will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri on March 20th and 21st. The manager of the Western Play-Off is George R. Edwards, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. The four teams competing in the

Western Play-Off will represent districts 5, 6, 7 and 8 (section west of the Mississippi River).

The winner of the Eastern Play-Off and the winner of the Western Play-Off will meet for the N.C.A.A. Championship in Kansas City on Sat., March 28th.

Last year, the four teams competing in the Eastern Play-Off at Madison, Wis., were Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin and North Carolina. The four teams competing in the Western Play-Off at Kansas City, were Washington State, Creighton, Arkansas and Wyoming. Washington State won the Western Play-Off; Wisconsin won the Western Play-Off, and also went on to win the N.C.A.A. Championship.

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ARMY COACH REPORTS RESULTS OF STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT

Questionnaire Suggests Rules Committee Study Situation

By VALENTINE LENTZ

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LAST SPRING, at its annual convention in New York, the National Association of Basketball Coaches recommended to the National Basketball Committee certain specific steps along the path toward standardization of playing equipment and facilities.

These recommendations, adopted unanimously by the convention, covered court lighting and dimensions, type and size of backboards and specifications for the ball. The coaches voted for the 6 x 4-foot rectangular banking surface; they expressed a preference for the sewn, leather ball.

A few days later, as a special emissary from the coaches' association, I presented these recommendations to the National Committee. When the results of the committee's deliberations were announced it was obvious that our recommendations had been virtually ignored. The rules makers had decided that the patented, steel, fan-shaped board, approved a year earlier as optional equipment after brief high school experimentation, would henceforth be regarded as official. They approved, also, the molded, or so-called rubber ball. They urged "rapid transition" to the new ball and bank with a view to making these items the sole official equipment "in the near future."

Such cavalier treatment of the National Coaches Association naturally resulted in disappointment and resentment in the profession. Officials of the National Committee justified their action with the explanation that the vote recorded on the recommendations in our convention was insignificant when compared to the preponderance of sentiment for the new ball and backboard as shown by replies to the rules committee questionnaire sent out to coaches, officials, athletic directors and **OTHERS**.

The Eastern College Basketball Coaches Association did not feel that the National Committee's questionnaire was an accurate reflection of COLLEGE coaching sentiment on the controversial points involved. Whereupon it undertook a nation-wide poll to determine exactly how the COLLEGE teachers of the game viewed the situation. Questionnaires were sent to EVERY coach listed in the intercollegiate Blue Book—some 650 of them. Replies were received from 387, a return of 59.5 per cent. Every league, conference and district in the country was represented in the replies, so it may be assumed

that an accurate cross-section of COLLEGE coaching opinion was obtained.

Without further comment, I present herewith the questionnaire with total figures on each point:

1. Do you favor standardization of backboards?
YES, 344. NO, 10. (33 did not answer).
 - a. Which do you prefer?
 - (1) 6 x 4 rectangular—241.
 - (2) Fan-shaped—128. (no comment—14)
 - (3) Either—4.
 - b. Which did you use in 1940-41?
 - (1) 6 x 4 rectangular—299.
 - (2) Fan-shaped—69. (no comment—2)
 - (3) Both—17.
 - c. Which will you use in 1941-42?
 - (1) 6 x 4 rectangular—263.
 - (2) Fan-shaped—100.
 - (3) Both—4. (no comment—7)
 - (4) Whatever prevalent—13.
 - d. How many sets of boards do you have in your plant?
 - (1) Rectangular—1320.
 - (2) Fan-shaped—336.
 - e. If visibility from the rear were to become sufficiently desirable to make it necessary to change the character of the backboard, would you prefer
 - (1) 6 x 4 clear glass—197.
 - (2) Fan-shaped—160. (no comment 30)
2. Do you favor standardization of the ball? YES, 370. NO, 5. (12 did not answer)
 - a. Which do you prefer?
 - (1) Four panel, stitched, leather, laceless, rubber valve, rubber bladder type—187.
 - (2) New type (moulded, Last-bilt, etc.)—186. (9 did not answer, 4 marked "both", 1 for visitor's choice)
 - b. Which did you use in 1940-41?
 - (1) Stitched leather, etc.—185.
 - (2) New type—169.
 - (3) Both—33.
 - c. Which will you use in 1941-42 varsity games?
 - (1) Stitched leather, etc.—177.
 - (2) New type—179.
 - (3) Both—16. (9 undecided, 6 no preference).

A study of the foregoing indicates overwhelming sentiment in favor of uniform backboards and balls. It shows an almost 2-to-1 majority in favor of the rectangular backboard as opposed to the steel lima bean variety. It shows almost an exact split on which type of ball is preferred. It shows, despite the urging of the rules committee, that only a small percentage of coaches will change from their 1940-41 equipment to the new bank and ball this season.

This is indicative, I believe, of a feeling among COLLEGE coaches that their views on the game in which they have such a great stake are not receiving the consideration they deserve from the National Basketball Committee.

Surely the rules committee cannot maintain that the colleges want the new backboard when virtually two-thirds of them have expressed a preference for the rectangular bank. I don't see either, how the committee can justify its imposition of the rubber ball on the game when opinion as to its desirability is so divided.

Obviously, the majority, a vast majority, of the coaches want standardized equipment, but it seems

to me that the rules committee should give some consideration to the type of equipment desired by the coaches before taking any arbitrary steps.

At any rate, before any definite changes are made in the present rules covering playing equipment and implements for college basketball, the committee should sponsor exhaustive research and a series of practical tests to determine whether or not such changes are for the best interests of the sport. What may be suitable for high school use may be quite unsuitable for college purposes. The reverse is true, too. These factors should be weighed by the National Committee.

A tremendous expense is involved in shifting over from the rectangular boards to the lima bean type; expense not only for the purchase of new boards, but in revamping or replacing existing installations to accommodate them. I imagine that war metal priorities will take care of the backboard situation until the shooting is over. We have other uses for steel and iron now and will have until peace returns to the world. In the interim, the rules committee should go into the whole matter of college playing equipment and the preferences of those most concerned—the colleges themselves.

PAN-AMERICAN PLANS IN BASKETBALL

THE ORGANIZATION and plans for participation by basketball in the Pan-American games in Rio December, 1942 were formulated in late December at the meeting of this joint committee held in the New York Athletic Club.

Participating in the discussions were five college representatives, a like number from the Amateur Athletic Union and Dr. John Brown of the National Y.M.C.A. Harry Henshel, treasurer of the Bulova Watch Co. and a prime factor in A.A.U. and Y.M.H.A. basketball plans throughout the country, was chosen to serve as chairman of this committee.

Plans were outlined so that both college and A.A.U. players would be included in the makeup of the team to represent this country in the South American competition. The possibility of running playoffs to pick the teams and competitors was discussed and the methods of raising money to finance this trip were also included in the plan.

At the present time there has been no further progress made pending developments in the international situation. Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities the State Department signified that it wished plans to be carried through as originally planned and no further word has been forthcoming.

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PLAN SUGAR BOWL BASKETBALL AS USUAL IN 1942

SAM CORENSWET, executive chairman of the Sugar Bowl basketball game, which is part of the New Year's festivities in New Orleans, has announced that this important intersectional contest would be played as usual in 1942. Speaking at the New York Basketball Writers Association luncheon recently, Corenswet stated, "The Sugar Bowl athletic program will continue as in the past. We don't think the war will affect the program, and we are already working on tentative plans."

Corenswet will act as ye host at the National Association of Coaches Convention in New Orleans in March and promised the coaches a meeting and hospitality they will long remember. He stated that the Eastern playoff of the N.C.A.A. Tournament, which will be held March 20 and 21, would be played with transparent glass, fan-shaped backboards such as were used in the University of Tennessee-Long Island University game. However, a white line one or two inches wide will be painted around the edges of the backboard for the N.C.A.A. games to aid visibility of the player.

Now making a business trip every month, Corenswet visits as many college basketball games as possible. He even witnessed parts of two games in one night on the most recent visit to Pittsburgh, one in the Duquesne gymnasium and another in the University of Pittsburgh gym. He believes there is more general interest in the improvement and promotion of basketball as a major sport in the East than in the south. He pointed out that it has been difficult to get coaches interested to the degree they should be in the south, and he has suggested that if they



SAUL COHEN
Long Island U. Forward

would certainly get more out of it in that section. certainl yget more out of it in that section.

There were over 9000 spectators at the L.I.U.-Tennessee Sugar Bowl court game, the largest crowd ever to see a basketball game in the south. Corenswet attributed the crowd pull to the nationally famous Long Island University quintet.

COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS BUREAU

Bulletin to All Officials

(The Eastern Collegiate Basketball Officials Bureau, supported by the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee, gets out a bulletin to all officials at the beginning of the season and also another at the halfway mark containing pertinent facts and suggestions to officials. It was thought that the mid-year bulletin, just issued, would be of interest to mentors and commissioners throughout the country)

THE DIAGONAL line dividing the court is purely imaginary. Too many officials are neglecting to cover the narrow end of their division when they switch to the endline in covering under-the-basket situations. Every referee and umpire, regardless of his territorial assignments, should so adjust his position that there will be no spots on the floor left

uncovered at any time. COVER MORE, NOT LESS, THAN YOUR TERRITORIAL ASSIGNMENT, and in that way all parts of the court will be covered at all times.

Officials to date have been extremely careless in giving signals. This mechanical device is definitely for the benefit not only of the spectators and

coaches, but also of the officials themselves. If properly executed, the signals offer the possibility of creating confidence in the officials on the part of players, coaches, and spectators.

Every official is expected to follow this procedure in the calling of fouls:

- (a) Give sharp fast whistle.
- (b) Give time-out signal immediately.
- (c) Give signal indicating nature of foul (both officials should signal).
- (d) Announce fouling player's number to scorer's table.
- (e) Proceed to the foul line.

From observers' reports there have been too many instances where men have been on the playing space unnecessarily and have been in the way. There will be times when it is absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the game for officials to be on the floor. Moreover, it is suggested that referees and umpires be more alert in moving out of the way and off the court on fast breaks.

Our reports show that there has been a general let-down on play coverage by the man trailing the play. Poor handling has resulted because the trailing man has not focused his attention on the action of the players going in, and has placed too much importance on the need of covering his territory should the ball change hands and move quickly toward his end. Every official must remember that it is vital to cover play situations that are actually being executed and not reduce his efficiency by anticipating remote possibilities.

There are some officials who have given highly undesirable exhibitions of carelessness during time-outs, some sitting or leaning upon the timers' or scorers' table, and others conducting conversations with the spectators. This condition should be remedied at once. All officials should conduct themselves in a dignified manner and be businesslike at all times during the game.

There have been too many instances when officials have permitted teams, during time-outs, to take any position on the floor and in the majority of cases to group themselves around the players bench. This is contrary to the Manual and your attention is directed to the proper procedure.

Upon being notified by the scorer of the game that a time-out just granted is in excess of the legal number permitted a team, officials should wait until thirty seconds have elapsed before charging a technical foul and awarding a free throw, in order to allow that team the full privilege granted it by the rules of making a substitution which would nullify foul and penalty.

When two officials call a play differently, the graver of two offenses is penalized. If the play on which they differ is an out-of-bounds ball, a jump ball is ruled. This should very rarely happen; with two men working well as a team, the nearer man will make the first call.

Do not hesitate to call fouls, even though your fellow official may be nearer the play, for often he is screened and in such a position that he cannot see the actual foul.

Remember that kicking the ball is a violation only when it is a positive act; accidental striking of the ball with the foot or leg is not a violation.

Technical fouls which are deliberate and unsportsmanlike should be penalized. Example—Throwing ball away from near official.

It is not in order to warn players; when fouls are made, call them.

Deliberate delay of game is a technical foul.

Too often officials are ruling a play along sidelines and center line as force out or force over when actually a foul has been committed.

Cooperate with all of your fellow officials, scorers and timers included.

Don't forget that a loss of dignity means a loss of respect.

Never be guilty of a slow, weak whistle.

HUSTLE!

ASA S. BUSHNELL

January 9, 1942

CONFERENCE RULES DIFFERENCES

There are several variations of rules being used for the first time this season in different conferences. In the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference teams are playing without the option of foul shooting or taking possession out of bounds. There is no choice in that division of the Pacific Coast Conference, which has ruled that players must shoot the free-throw. In the Northern Division of the same conference rims of all baskets are painted a bright orange to aid the player's visibility in shooting.

The Missouri Valley Conference is playing its games with a no limit substitution rule. Players may leave and enter the games as many times as they wish. Another rule change in that conference which is being studied, but not in use at present, is for time-out being called on all jump balls. Coach Eddie Hickey of Creighton University suggested the rule, and in early studies reports that one minute and 38 seconds are saved in playing time.

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNEY DATES ANNOUNCED

Fifth Annual Court Classic in Madison Square Garden Starts March 17. John Coffey, Asa Bushnell Named Committee Chairmen.

DATES for the fifth annual National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden have been announced by John Coffey, of Fordham, chairman of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee, sponsors of the annual court classic. The tourney will be conducted as an eight team competition as it was a year ago. First round games will be played Tuesday, March 17; and Thursday, March 19; with the semi-finals on Monday, March 23, and the final on Wednesday, March 25.

Action on the tourney plan and dates was taken at a meeting of the committee held Tuesday, January 20, at which time John Coffey of Fordham was named to succeed the late Professor Walter Williamson of City College as chairman of the group of ten colleges comprising the metropolitan committee. Walter MacLaughlin of St. John's University was named secretary-treasurer to succeed Clair Bee of Long Island University.

The committee named Asa Bushnell, director of the Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics, as executive chairman of the Tournament Committee in full charge of details for the tourney. Three college representatives of the tourney committee will be appointed by Mr. Coffey. The Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association will be requested to select one of its membership to serve with the tourney body.

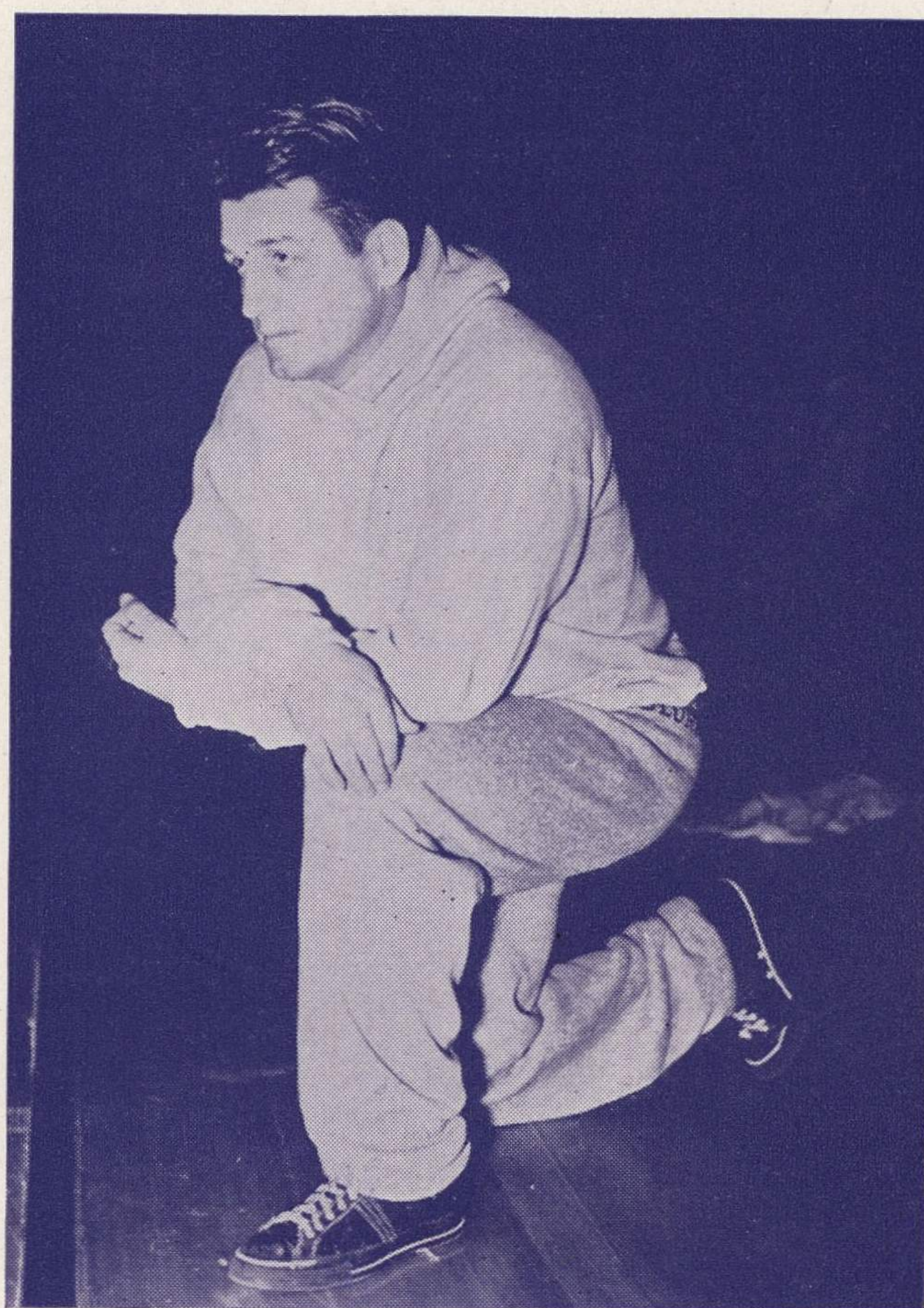
Present at the meeting of the committee, in addition to Coffey of Fordham, Bee of L.I.U., and MacLaughlin of St. John's, were the representatives of the seven other member schools: Herb Kopf, Manhattan College; Brother Richard, St. Francis; Dr. Anthony Orlando, City College; Hollis Spotts, Pratt; Arthur Meinhold, Brooklyn Poly; Lou Oshins, Brooklyn College; and John MacDonald, Hofstra College. A. B. Nixon of New York University was present as an observer. The committee has invited Wagner College of Staten Island to become an affiliated member.

The committee also decided that it would continue to present its annual award for an outstanding contribution to the game of basketball. This award will be made at the disposition of the National Association of Basketball Coaches at its annual meeting.

Last year's tournament in Madison Square Garden broke all attendance records with 70,826 spectators

in four nights. The largest opening night crowd of 15,751 witnessed the start of last year's tourney and one-night records for attendance in Madison Square Garden were established each of the other three nights as 18,341, 18,357 and 18,377 attended. The tourney was won by Long Island University, which downed Ohio University in the final, 56-42. Other competing teams last year were Duquesne University, Rhode Island State, University of Virginia, Westminster College, Seton Hall and City College.

Frank Baumholtz of Ohio University, now with the Great Lakes team, won the Most Valuable Player award. Temple University won the first tournament in 1938 from Colorado U.; L.I.U. won from Loyola of Chicago in 1939; and Colorado University defeated Duquesne in 1940.



FORREST B. COX
Colorado Coach, Whose Team
Won 1940 Tourney

DISCLOSES NEED TO CHANGE COACHING ETHICS REPORT

Foreword—Eddie Hickey, chairman of the Coaching Ethics Committee, was kind enough to furnish the complete report of his body as submitted at the last annual meeting. At that time it received little attention. Reprint of this report seems timely now in view of the many fine points which still seem to need emphasizing.

Report of
COACHING ETHICS COMMITTEE
New York City
March 24, 1941

Mr. President:

The members of the Coaching Ethics Committee are as follows:

Sam Barry	University of Southern Calif.
James Baker	South Dakota State
Bruce Drake	University of Oklahoma
L. H. Davies	University of West Ontario
J. W. Hutton	Hamline University
A. J. Severance	Villanova College

On behalf of our Association and myself, I wish to thank these men for their active and diligent work as members of this Committee.

With the permission of the President, and with the assistance of the Editor, the Committee was responsible for the publication of the Basketball Coaches Creed in the December issue of the Association's Bulletin. Your attention is directed to this Creed and we should like to suggest that every coach frame this copy and give it a prominent place on the wall of his office. It will serve as a constant reminder of the principles of good behavior as applied to the coaching profession.

As respects these problems, the following excerpts from various reports throughout the United States truly reflects the general trend of coaching ethics today.

"For the period of the last five years in which we have been playing intercollegiate basketball, both in the United States and Canada, our relations with both the coaches and the officials has been steadily improving . . ."

"The relationship between the coaches in our league is friendly . . . Our league does not tolerate any interference in any way with the officials by the coaches and if we have any difference of

opinion we submit the same at the time we make the ratings on the various officials."

". . . I think that I am safe in saying that there should be a friendlier relationship between the officials and the coaches. Whether we realize it or not the actions of we coaches on the bench sometimes come back at us like a boomerang, when we disagree not only in work but in actions which the crowd picks up as a spark and sometimes makes it impossible for an official to call the type of game that he is really capable of working."

"It seems that we still have coaches that insist on talking to the officials before the game, between halves and after the game."

"We have a good many college games at which certain self-styled supporters of the team create a great deal of ill-feeling and animosity by booing officials and razzing the opposing players. I believe the Coaches and Athletic Directors can do a lot to eliminate this evil."

"The coach on the sideline who is yelping at the nearest official, making ridiculing motions about the decisions of the Arbiters, thus inciting his crowd against the officiating, should remember that he makes a jackass of himself."

"We try to teach our basketball boys self control, poise, cool under fire stuff, yet we turn around and act like maniacs ourselves during the ball game."

"The only criticism I have to make of the coaches in general is that they are a little lax in answering correspondence and in some cases they do not even answer letters."

"When a visiting coach appears with his men to change for the game, or to watch the usual preliminary for a few minutes, the home coach should make it a point to see him, shake hands, ask about his needs, and explain what is being done to take care of him or the team. After the game, a coach should get up at the timer's table and at least go through the motions of shaking hands."

"As respects the selection of officials, I find that too often these men are chosen without a mutual consideration of both coaches. Especially in intersectional games some coaches will still assume the complete jurisdiction of choosing officials for their home games. They are chosen with utter disregard of the approval of the visiting coach. In some instances the choice of officials is not even disclosed to the visiting coach until his arrival for the game. The coaches of our game should be imbued with such principles of correct conduct as to respect the rights of his fellow coach and especially those boys whose efforts to play the game on the square should not be overshadowed by a tendency or practice to win the game before it is played."

"Too frequently, in non-conference or intersectional games, the home coach is too quick to take advantage of the opportunity to prepare a testing laboratory for a new official; to submit to the pressure of constant influence to use some local official; to repay some previous good turn and the result is the use of officials whose judgment and ability in these particular games is too greatly influenced in favor of local viewpoints to make it possible or even plausible that such an official be able to work a fair and impartial contest."

"The problem of good behavior for the welfare of the game demands that coaches be fair with their fellow coach and fair to the game itself by zealously guarding the interest of both. The field of the coach, outside his relations with other coaches and officials, should serve as an opportunity to "light the torch" of tolerance, kindness and friendliness. Criticism of the game, its rules or the work of fellow coaches is strictly poor behavior. Coaches should guard their talk and statements to the press criticizing the game or their fellow coach; statements of which make good reading and attract attention, but reflect generally on the game. That which hurts the game hurts all of us."

The Committee submits that these problems, which you have considered before, be accepted by

each of you as evils of a great sport. That each of you in your own committees endeavor to be a guiding influence in setting up a behavior that will reflect the principles of the Coaches Creed and tend to reduce to a minimum any influences that might be destructive or retard the progress of our game.

It is suggested that a closer acquaintance be set up with your fellow coach and with the officials. A key note of friendliness breeds greater respect for the rights of each other. Be tolerant, unselfish, and do to your fellow coach as you would desire that he do to you. The game is prospering throughout the United States and with its growth you must be always alert to keep pace with conduct that will continue to make it possible for the game to be a contributing factor in the American Educational program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Coaching Ethics Committee
1940-41.

EAR MUFFS FOR THIS GAME

Hillsdale College in Michigan, wearing earmuffs, caps and heavy sweaters and sweatershirts won over a similarly clad team from Ohio Griffin Junior College recently. It was 28 above zero in the fieldhouse due to broken heating system . . . Moe Becker, sharpshooter of last year's Duquesne team, is scouting Eastern opponents for Coach Chick Davies when he gets a chance to leave his Aberdeen, Md., army base . . . The freshman schedule at the University of Buffalo has been cancelled due to "lack of material".

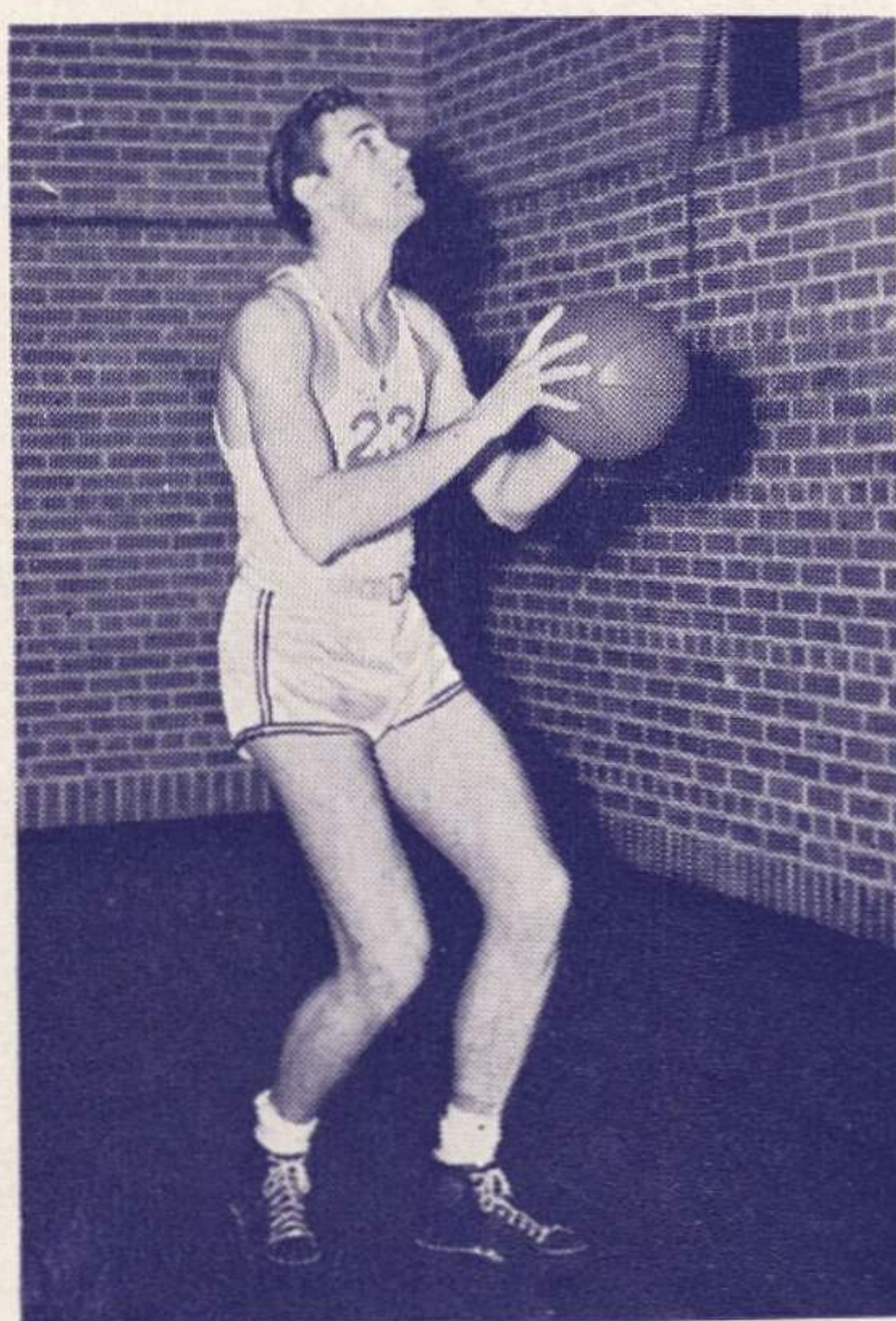
Wilson Schwenk, nation's major school individual leader in total offense (pass and running) during past grid season, is captain of the Washington U. (St. Louis) basketball team which handed Loyola of Chicago one of its two losses . . . 15 out of 26 on Notre Dame's squad claim Irish blood in their veins, some of it slightly diluted, however . . . Squad members voted fullback Ettinger back in good standing with the Kansas U. basketball squad after Coach Phog Allen had dropped him "for the good of all concerned" . . . Duquesne is said to control the ball as if it was a part of the team's personal equipment rather than the neutral object which the rules prescribe.

Branch McCracken, coaching for three years at Indiana U., is at least one victory up on every Big Ten foe . . . Notre Dame is in charge of Ray Meyer on road trips. George Keogan handles the team at home, but is still under doctor's orders not to travel.

BASKETBALL IN SOUTHWEST SECTION IS NOW ROBUST SPORT

Confabs of Coaches and Officials Bring Vast Improvement of Play

By CHARLES BURTON
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ROBERT KINNEY
Rice Center

SOUTHWESTERN basketball went rugged this season, much to the delight of the fans, the players and even the coaches. It was great, college players agreed, that a man didn't have to become a mouse when he put on his basketball uniform, and went out on the court to play.

An off-the-record pow-wow between coaches and officials last spring is the reason that Southwestern—and that largely means Texas—teams played more interesting basketball than usual. Coaches suggested that the officials save some of their wind to recite bedtime stories to the children when they got home after a game instead of using it all tooting their whistles, officials agreed.

This winter there was a noticeable drop in the number of fouls called. No longer did a whistle blow the second two players got their hands on the ball. Officials waited for the boys to at least tug at the ball before they called it a tie-ball. They weren't so technical on "traveling" and other items that in the past had brought forth a sharp blast on what often appeared to be a little more than suspicion. Teams in this sector long had suffered when they went forth into other parts of the nation to play what was supposed to be the same game they had been engaging in back home. Officials in other sections were more lenient; their whistles were slower. The southwestern teams were at a distinct disadvantage. That is no alibi; merely a fact that fellows like Clair Bee, "Phog" Allen and Sam Barry noted.

James W. St. Clair, Long-time Southern Methodist coach, member of the National Rules Committee and Executive Secretary of the Southwestern Basketball Officials Association thought something should be done about it. So did the officials and they

have been working for some time toward the goal of standardized officiating over the country. This, of course, in cooperation with basketball leaders in all sectors. This winter several officials from the neighboring Big Six conference worked in the Southwest conference. In some instances these neighbors from the immediate North were paired with Southwest Conference officials. They learned from each other, one giving a point here and another one there. All in all, it seems to have been an excellent step. More interchanging, while it might be expensive, would help.

Robustness of the game in contrast to the disgustingly polite sport exhibited on the same courts a year ago was the main development in basketball in the Southwest there was little change in the styles of play as used by major teams. West Texas State's "tallest team on earth" gave its border conference and other rivals the jumping jitters with its somewhat simple game—winning formula of averaging about ninety shots per game and making a neat percentage of them good. The Canyon quintet, coached by Al Baggett went into Madison Square Garden against Long Island U. on January 28th, with a record of 17 victories against one defeat and with an average score of 67 points per game.

The University of Arkansas Razorbacks continued to feature their jump shots, with every member of the squad being proficient as this kind of goal-popping so well taught by coach Glen Rose. Rice Institute Owls tutored by Bustor Brannon, played along fire department lines—and well. Other Southwest conference teams, including Southern Methodist, Baylor (under a new coach, Bill Henderson), the Texas Aggies (coached for the first time by Marty Karow), Texas Christian (another new mentor, H. R. McQuillan), and the University of Texas used a bit more deliberate and orthodox styles of play, although all employed a fast break at times.

The Lone Star Conference and the Texas Conference again had successful seasons. There were no drastic changes in officiating technique in these five basketball circuits, for their teams never have been compelled to play as gingerly as those in the whistle conscious Southwest Conference.

ROUNDUP—OKLAHOMA CITY ALL-COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

By JOHN CRONLEY
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OKLAHOMA CITY—Unless Ringling Brothers own a corner on the expression, the only way to describe Oklahoma City's sixth annual All-College tournament is by use of the time-worn four words:

Bigger, better than ever.

Because that is what it was, this southwestern classic staged in the spacious downtown Municipal auditorium December 26, 27, 29 and 30.

Record turnouts (in all, 16,500 fans), a record entry as far as high-class competition is concerned, and record performances dotted the 18-team field as crack entries from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, New Mexico and Colorado flashed topflight flipping form.

Twice the All-College packed in more than 4,000 spectators as Oklahoma City and environs suddenly became acutely basketball-conscious in spite of war conditions.

New marks started popping from the opening tipoff and the heavy gunning never stopped until highly-favored West Texas of Canyon had firmly established itself as new champion.

The colorful Buffaloes burst into the opening picture with a new team high as West Texas won the fans' favor with an eye-filling 70-37 blasting of East Central from Ada, Oklahoma.

Meanwhile cool, smooth operating A. and M. from Stillwater, Okla., siddled into a co-favorites' role as Hank Iba's set stylists handled dangerous Texas Christian in an adroit fashion, 32-25.

So there were the two titans, and alongside them ranged two slightly lesser favorites in Pittsburgh, Kan., and University of Texas.

And to the delight of spectators and sponsors alike, that is the way the All-College picture rocked along, right into the semifinals, which still have the basketball filberts fanning the air with their warmest superlatives.

There just haven't been any semifinals anyplace to match Oklahoma City's round that threatened to turn the championship into an anti-climax. On the bristling three-game card, West Texas had the scare of its life when Bill Stockman barely pulled the Buffs past Pittsburgh with a final split-second shot that yanked it out, 57-55.

This one had followed Baylor's 59-58 nose-out of Texas Tech in the consolation bracket, and when A. and M. and Texas U. pranced for the fans hardly were ready for the third straight sizzler of the night.

But that's what they were treated to, a highly-keyed Longhorn crew that didn't permit the Aggies more than thin daylight until the Cowboys leaped safely ahead at the whirlwind finish, 46-38. For the most part but three or four points separated the teams.

Finals, of course, were a masterpiece of perfect basketball as West Texas, tall and terrific, rolled back game A. and M., 37-31 before 4,200 fans.

That's the way it ended . . . that's the way it had opened . . . and that's the way the furious milling had carried on through all four days.

Increased revenue enabled the meet to pay out more expense money than ever before, with all 18 teams sharing in the melon, on a prerated basis, after all expenses were disposed of.

The field and drawing power is expanding each year because topflight teams of this section are eager to get in the early conditioning guaranteed by the meet. Every entrant is certain to play in four games, first-round losers dropping into consolation play and later losers being matched among themselves.

In charge of officials this year was Earl Jones of Kansas City's Spalding Bros., and his aids included Abb Curtis, Fort Worth; Ted O'Sullivan, Kansas City; Dick Pendleton, Norman, Okla., and Bat Shunatona, Wewoka, Okla.

Already the tournament is looking forward to a faster field for 1942, possibly to include a west coast quintet and one from the south, maybe Kentucky. When the usual after-tournament poll was taken this time there wasn't a team among the 18 that didn't file an early bid for repeat performances here next winter.

Quite a compliment in itself, and one to rank alongside that by Al Baggett, big, jovial—and capable—coach of the championship West Texans, who has this to comment:

"Say! My po' little ol' kids (they average six feet,

six inches) wouldn't have a chance early in the year if we didn't get this fine conditioning in the All-College.

"My team like most others, is made up of quite a few football men, and this meet is just the thing to get them in the basketball groove, along with regular players.

"Why, it's tailor-made for us. If we weren't in Oklahoma City, practicing and playing hard every

day, my boys would be dismissed for holiday vacations, fatten up, miss training and it would get so we couldn't whip our height in jack-rabbits for the first few months." Seventeen other skippers echo the sentiment.

Watch for West Texas, the All-College champs in New York the end of this month. Those Buffs are going to let Madison Square Garden know the caliber of Oklahoma City's caging classic.

Sixth Annual All-College Tournament Results Oklahoma City, Dec. 26-30, 1941

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Southeastern, Okla., 42, Springfield, Mo., 19
Baylor 64, Colorado State 44

FIRST ROUND

Oklahoma Aggies 32, Texas Christian University 25
Baylor 53, Southeastern, Okla., 38
Texas Tech 42, Washington (St. Louis) 37
Texas University 49, Oklahoma City University 32
Arkansas 44, Warrensburg, Mo., 36
West Texas State 70, East Central, Okla., 37
Southern Methodist U. 47, Colorado Mines 37
Pittsburgh, Kas., 63 New Mexico University 38

SECOND ROUND

Oklahoma Aggies 40, Baylor 29
Texas University 55, Texas Tech 45
West Texas 54, Arkansas 41
Pittsburgh, Kas., 40 Southern Methodist University 37

SEMIFINALS

Oklahoma Aggies 46, Texas University 38
West Texas State 57, Pittsburgh, Kas., 55

FINALS

West Texas State 37, Oklahoma Aggies, 31

EASTERN COACHES ACTIVE Want Rules Makers to Recognize Tutors

THE EASTERN College Basketball Coaches Association, organized formally a little more than a year ago to work with and through the National Association of Basketball Coaches to promote the best interests of the game, met in New York on December 29 and re-elected its first set of administrative officers for another term.

Thus the work of integrating into the national set-up the activities of this large and enthusiastic group based on the Atlantic seaboard states from Virginia to Maine will be continued under the leadership of Valentine (Dutch) Lentz, of West Point, president; Clair F. Bee, of Long Island U., vice president, and Everett B. Morris, secretary.

These officers will be assisted by a board of governors comprising Blair Gullion, of Cornell; Elmer Ripley, of Georgetown, and Ed Crotty, of Providence.

The Eastern Association came into being because a number of coaches on this coast believed that such an organization would serve as a means of obtaining a clearer and more representative picture of the region's stand on problems of competitive and professional interest. It would serve also as a medium for correlating opinion on such matters and transmitting such reactions to the national body, the sponsors felt.

Results indicate that the Eastern group has made considerable progress. It has a membership of more

than 80 college coaches, many of whom were persuaded to join the National Association and take an active interest in its work. It conducted last spring a nation-wide survey of college coaching opinion on the controversial backboard and ball questions and it now has under study by a special committee a plan for obtaining greater consideration for the desires of college coaches in the rules-making body.

This latter subject, of vital importance to the profession, was the principal topic of discussion at the December meeting. The Easterners feel strongly that under the present organizational set-up of the National Basketball Committee, the colleges do not have representation in keeping with their position in the sport. Several speakers pointed out the difference between the functioning of the N.C.A.A. football committee in its relations with the coaches and the attitude which the National Basketball Committee has taken in the last two years toward recommendations submitted by the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

In the spring, before the national convention in New Orleans, the Eastern group will hold another meeting, go thoroughly into all phases of the sport and make such suggestions and recommendations as might fittingly be brought before the national body by members who are able to make the trip.

PROGRESS OF THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN

By A. LESTER CRAPSER

Secretary, Naismith Memorial Committee

THE FINE interest and cooperation being accorded the Golden Jubilee of Basketball and the Naismith Memorial Campaign by the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches warrants their being kept informed up to the minute of the progress of the campaign.

Statistically the story as this is written is as follows:

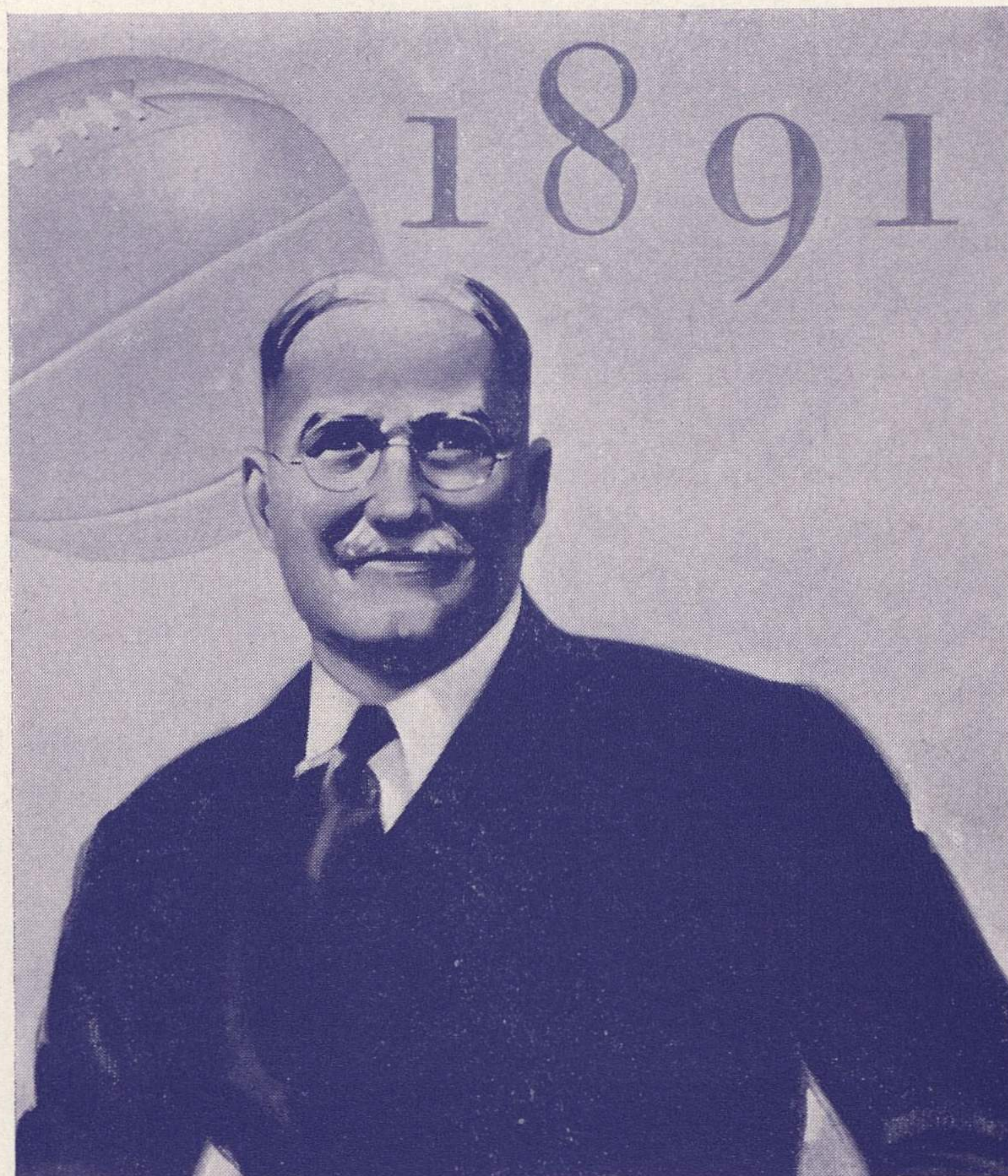
Approximately twelve hundred Golden Ball Games have definitely been registered. Every one of these forty-eight United States is represented in the registrations, plus the District of Columbia, Canada, Central America, Alaska and Hawaii—The latter are calling for someone to pinch hit for them while they are putting up a "zone defense" against the Japs.

The correspondence and rate of daily registrations indicate that there will be no question but that twenty-five hundred Golden Ball Games will be registered before the middle of February.

The Y.M.C.A.'s lead in proportionate Golden Ball Games with approximately one out of every six Associations registering games. The Colleges are next with one out of every eight in the country falling in line. The High Schools have about one in every forty registering games—but it must be stated that this is because of their greater number—actually about one-half of the Golden Ball Games registered are from the High Schools of the country. New York State leads all the others in total registrations.

Every type of basketball team is represented in the campaign from small Boys' club teams, little rural high schools, independent teams, Y.M.C.A., Y.M.H.A., Catholic Youth Organization and Parochial Schools, Recreation Center teams, Junior Colleges, College, University, A.A.U., Athletic Club teams, and Professional teams. No truer cross-section of basketball as it is played could be represented.

Not only are basketball teams contributing, but the larger organizations such as the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League, the Big Ten Conference, the National Board of Approved Basketball



Officials, Local Official Boards and individuals who have played the game in the past. All are being more generous than was anticipated in their contributions to erect a Hall of Fame for basketball as a memorial to its inventor, Dr. James Naismith. Very definite sacrifices are being made by places with small spectator facilities, in making substantial contributions to the campaign.

The Golden Jubilee received a fine send-off by the Golden Jubilee Tournament held in Madison Square Garden on November 19th and 24th and is now in full swing around the country.

It has been estimated that for complete success of the campaign approximately four to five thousand games will be needed. These are in sight, and if the Coaches Association members will urge their colleagues to register for games there is no question but that the campaign for a Hall of Fame for basketball will go over the top.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER? IF NOT JOIN NOW

By A. EUGENE HAYLETT
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NELS NORGREN
President of B. C.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES? If so, fine. If not, why not mail in your \$2 membership dues today? Your professional pride should demand your cooperation in developing basketball, the purpose of our National Association. Interest in the game of basketball is growing constantly and this is your opportunity to have a part in formulating the program

and the future of this great sport. If you are not familiar with our organization, perhaps you may have some questions to ask? If so your first one might be something like this: "Who is eligible to membership in the Association?"

There are three types of membership in the Association. These are the HONORARY (of which there are very few), the ALLIED, and the ACTIVE. All coaches from institutions which offer a four year Baccalaureate degree and who are actively engaged in the profession of basketball coaching are eligible for Active membership. Other coaches in junior colleges, high schools, and preparatory schools are eligible for Allied membership. The Active type of membership permits all privileges including voting in convention. The Allied member has similar privileges including the floor, but not of voting.

A second question you might ask is, "What can the Association do for me as a basketball coach?" That is a fair question and a relatively simple one to answer. The organization offers many advantages, a few I will list briefly. Most important of all, this is the official group presenting you and your profession, and as a consequence, offers valuable service to you in your chosen field. The Association maintains a very effective system of committees working diligently at the tasks assigned to them. The findings of these committees and the results which they obtain are available to you.

Each year, the rules committee of the Coaches' Association forwards to active and allied members a questionnaire on proposed changes in the basketball rules. Your answers are formulated and brought to the floor of the convention for discussion. The wishes of the group are relayed to the basketball

rules committee. Thus, you have something to say in the adoption of new rules.

The research committee of this group carries out experiments on equipment, rules proposals, and other important matters in the hope of giving to you scientific information. Some of their other worthwhile projects in the past have been studies of the "four foot out of bounds area at the end line," the elimination of the center jump, the new type goal, the new ball, and the proposed 20 inch basket. Part of your fee is given to this committee to carry on these and many other similar experiments.

The Bulletin, official publication of the Association, is sent to all members. Due to a change in policy and management, it has been late this year in reaching our members, but I am confident that in the future we are going to have a much better magazine. The Bulletin is newsy, contains pertinent information regarding the Association, the game, and the coaches' problems. It alone is worth the membership fee. It is positively bulging with information which you will want and need in your work. CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS IT?

Another reward of an Association membership, and perhaps one of the greatest, is the National Convention. This year we are meeting in New Orleans on March 19, 20, and 21. Those of you who are planning to attend will not only receive a good many ideas concerning your basketball problems, but will enjoy the atmosphere of good fellowship with an excellent social good time which offers opportunity for mingling with coaching personalities from all parts of the country. Can you deny yourself these advantages?

Your membership committee has been working diligently this year. However, the results at the present time are none too gratifying. **OUR MEMBERSHIP IS FAR BELOW WHAT IT SHOULD BE.** Perhaps this is due to the stress and uncertainty of general economic conditions. I believe, however, that even in times such as these that you will want to see the good work of our Association continued. This can only be done through the support of the basketball coaches of the United States.

If you have not done so, will you please send your membership check, made payable to the National Association of Basketball Coaches, to me, or to Marshall Diebold, Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. **DON'T DELAY!!!**

ARRANGE MEETING PROGRAM

Coaches Descend on New Orleans

THE New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association has been extremely active in arranging an attractive convention schedule for the members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Meeting will have a day devoted to preliminary festivities on Wednesday, March 18, with the formal sessions slated to get underway the next day at 10 A.M.

The St. Charles Hotel has been designated as the headquarters and attractive rooms at the minimum rate of \$3.00 a day have been set aside for the coaches attending the meeting.

Following the golf program arranged on Wednesday, there will be an informal dinner at the Jax Brewery with the coaches guests of the Sugar Bowl Committee. The next day will be devoted to meetings and luncheon will be a buffet affair served on the meeting floor so that no general breakup of the sessions will be necessary.

The annual banquet is scheduled Thursday night

at Antoinette, one of the most famous restaurants in the country, if not in the world. Dr. Paul Brosman, Dean of the Tulane University College of Law, will be the principal speaker. On this occasion also will be made the announcement of the annual individual award for an outstanding contribution to the game of basketball. Coaches attending the meeting will be guests of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association at this dinner.

On Friday and Saturday the eastern playoffs of the National Collegiate A.A. tourney will be contested in the Tulane University gym and coaches will be allowed one ticket without charge to each night of these playoffs.

Following the conclusion of the business meetings on Thursday and Friday there will be a rules demonstration and clinic on Saturday morning. A comprehensive sightseeing tour of New Orleans will be held that afternoon and the final playoff game Saturday night will wind up the festivities.

TOURNEYS CLIMAX SEASON

Three Big National Events Give Top Teams Their Reward

THE 1941-1942 college basketball season is drawing to a close. From all sections of the country come reports of better teams, improved play and increase in public interest and attendance.

The month of March is tourney month for the survivors of the long campaign. Now is the time when the sectional leaders in conferences and independent ranks have their opportunity to match skill with the topflight squads from other sections.

With the various sectional tournaments out of the way the national competition gets its start in Kansas City on March 9 to 14 when the fifth annual tourney will be held in the Municipal Auditorium sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball headed by E. C. Liston of Baker College. The country is divided into 32 sections and each group is entitled to a representative. Outstanding teams from 25 states competed in the 1941 field with San Diego State defeating Murray of Kentucky in the final by two points.

The Kansas City Auditorium will also be the scene of the western regionals and final game of the National Collegiate A.A. tourney. The fourth annual tourney sponsored by this body will open on March 20 and 21 with the eastern and western regionals, the eastern to be held in the Tulane gym at the time

of the annual convention of the coaches association. Harold Olson, of Ohio State chairman of the tourney committee, has made arrangements for each member coach attending the convention to receive a ticket for the two nights of the regionals without any charge. The victors in these sectional playoffs will collide in the final at Kansas City on March 28.

This is the fourth year of this tourney, the final each of the preceding three years having pitted the Pacific Coast Conference winner against a Western Conference representative. Wisconsin won the crown last year beating Washington State in the final.

The tourney picture is completed by the fifth annual national invitation tourney conducted in Madison Square Garden, New York, under the direction of eleven New York City colleges, comprising the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee. This tourney will be held on March 17, 19, 23 and 25. As in other years two top ranking New York teams are pitted against six outstanding teams who compete on invitation without regard to sectional restrictions. Last year the final pitted Long Island U. against Ohio U. with L.I.U. winning.

POLL COACHES ON AWARD

THE Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee is at present polling a group of coaches to select the winner of the annual award for an outstanding individual contribution to the game of basketball. The New York City colleges have created this award for the National Association of Basketball Coaches to give annually at the time of the convention. That's just another one of the features

which await you members at the gathering in New Orleans.

Nels Norgren, president of the national body, appointed Nat Holman of City College, Ed Hickox of Springfield, Blair Gullion of Cornell, Everett Dean of Stanford, Forrest Cox of Colorado, Paul Hinkle of Butler and Harry Rabenhorst of L.S.U. as members of the coaches body to name the award winner.

JOIN YOUR OWN ORGANIZATION

THE National Association of Basketball Coaches is your organization. The association needs your help to maintain its program. This bulletin is the last regular issue before next fall. Do not forget to send in your dues. We are listing below a few of the new members and may not include all up to date since the list was complete only through the end of February.

Despite the request contained in the last issue of the Bulletin only two coaches took time to send in material for this issue. It is impossible to edit this publication without full cooperation. Remember next fall that all items of interest from the coaching fraternity are needed to make this valuable to the membership.

Ned Irish, editor.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES

NEW MEMBERS TO MARCH 1, 1942

J. Rice Mountjoy, Murray St. Teachers College	Murray, Kentucky
R. M. Stauffer, Manchester College	North Manchester, Ind.
Claude Simons, Jr., Tulane Univ.	New Orleans, Louisiana
Roger B. Clark, Berea College	Berea, Kentucky
R. G. Ainslie, Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.
Jean F. Eberhart, Southern Ore. Col. of Ed.	Ashland, Oregon
Howard Maple, Willamette Univ.	Salem, Oregon
Guy Wicks, Univ. of Idaho	Moscow, Idaho
Clifford Olson, Pacific Lutheran College	Parkland, Wash.
J. W. Stephenson, St. Teachers College	Jacksonville, Ala.
Leland J. Wilkins, Trinity Univ.	Waxahachie, Texas
Wesley Bradshaw, Ouachita College	Arkadelphia, Ark.
A. E. Choate, St. Teachers College	Troy, Alabama
G. Harris White, Wilson Teachers College	Washington, D. C.
Alva B. Johnson, Storer College	Harpers Ferry, W. Va.
Fred I. Dickerson, Davis and Elkins College	Elkins, W. Va.
Jack Orsley, Loyola Univ.	New Orleans, La.
Robert E. Meyer, Illinois Tech., 3300 Federal	Chicago, Ill.
M. J. Kregel, Mission House College	Phymouth, Wis.
T. L. McCormick, Jr., Moberly Jr. College	Moberly, Mo.
W. H. Roselius, Hebron Jr. College	Hebron, Neb.
J. H. Morrison, Wayne St. Teachers	Wayne, Neb.
Charles L. Cummings, High School	Crawfordsville, Ind.
C. Gardner Mallonee, Johns Hopkins Univ.	Baltimore, Md.
H. B. Ryon, Univ. of Tulsa	Tulsa, Okla.
Robert W. Tully, LaVerne College	LaVerne, Calif.
C. F. Lappenbusch, Western Wash. Col. of Ed.	Bellingham, Wash.
A. H. Muyskens, Calvin College	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Claude F. McGrath, Gonzaga Univ.	Spokane, Wash.
Howard O'Daniels, Calif. Polytechnic College	San Luis Obispo, Calif.
C. M. Riddell, John T. Riddell, Inc.	Chicago, Illinois
Frank L. Casey, Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of BASKETBALL COACHES CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA — MARCH 18 TO 21

HEADQUARTERS: ST. CHARLES HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th

18 hole handicap golf tournament.
Metairie Golf Club — tentative course.
Entrance and green fee — \$1.00.
There will be plenty of prizes.

It is extremely necessary that we learn as soon as possible how many propose to take part in the tournament so that the necessary arrangements may be made for the type of play to be held

Dinner: 7:30 p. m. — Jax Brewery. We shall be guests of the Sugar Bowl.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19th

MEETINGS: 10:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
2:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.

BANQUET: 7:30 p. m. at Antoin's famous restaurant.

SPEAKER: Dr. Paul Brosman, Dean of College of Law, Tulane University.

Announcement of award for outstanding individual contribution to the game of basketball.

We shall be the guests of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th

MEETINGS: 10:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.
2:00 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.
8:00 p. m. National Collegiate Athletic Association
Eastern Play-off. Tulane University Gymnasium.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st

10:00 a. m. Rules demonstration and basket ball clinic
2:30 to 5:00 p. m. Sight-seeing trip as guests of the
the N. O. Mid-Winter Sports Association.

Note: It is necessary to know as soon as possible the number who are interested and will take the sight-seeing trip so that the management may decide whether or not to have a boat trip on the river or a bus trip around the city of New Orleans.

8:00 p. m. Final game N. C. A. A. Eastern Play-off.

For further details consult Sam Corenswet, New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association.

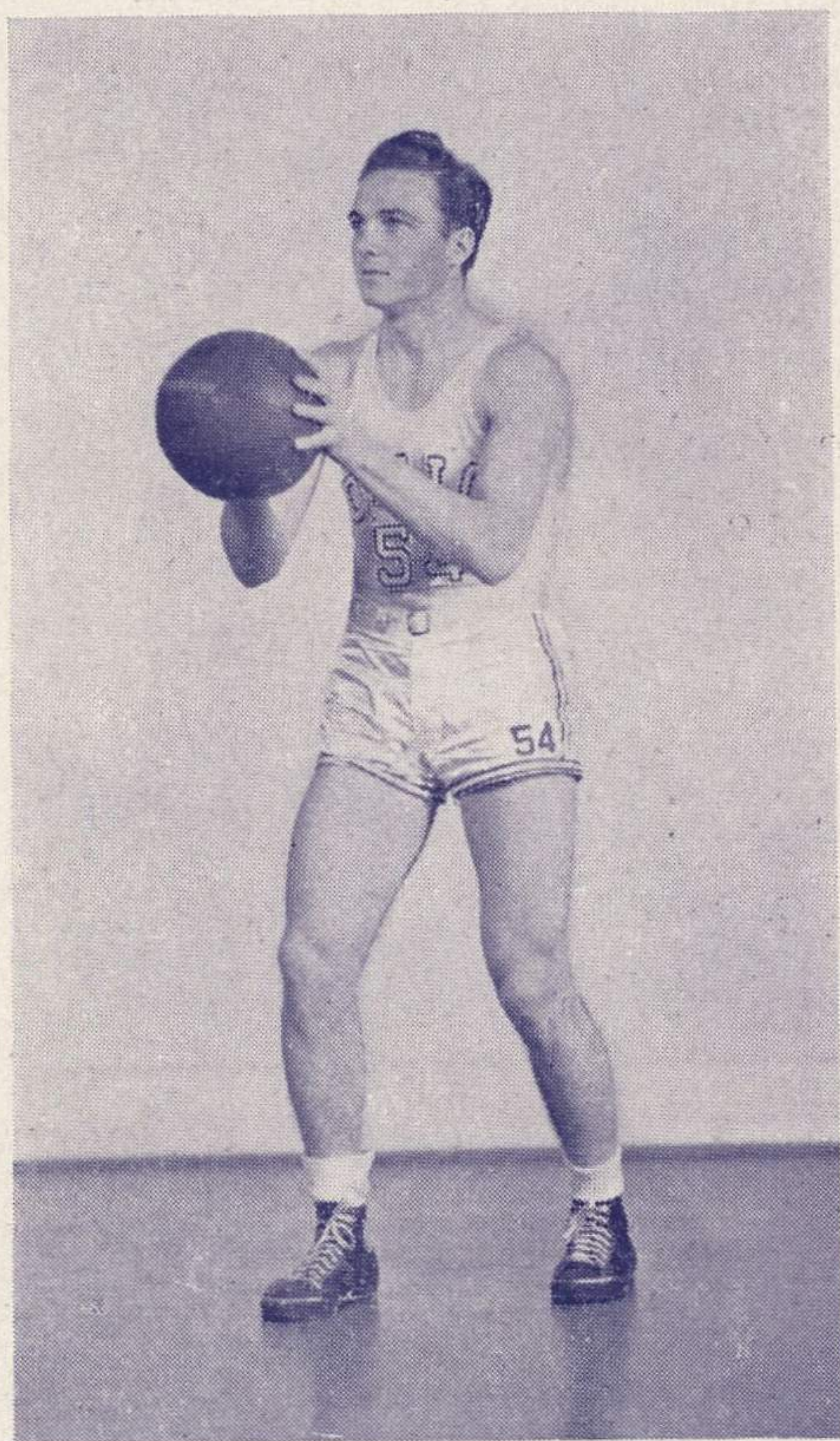
NAVY BOOSTS BASKETBALL

Great Lakes Team Has Shown Value of Sport to the Service

FOREWORD — One of the greatest contributions to the game of basketball during the current season has been the fine showing of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station passers. The showing of this team and the fine reception it has received from coast to coast points the way to the fine work which athletics and basketball in particular can perform in this time of crisis.

It now seems likely that other branches of the armed service will follow the pace set by the Great Lakes five. A tremendous growth in the number of service teams is expected by next winter when still more young men are expected to be under arms.

Lt. Cdr. R. A. Brown, Public Relations Officer of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, has been kind enough to forward to the Bulletin a resume of the accomplishments of the fine team representing the Naval Training Station. This is of necessity incomplete, for the team is still competing and doing more than its share not only for the morale of the station but to materially increase the funds of the Navy Relief Society.



FRANK BAUMHOLTZ
One of Great Lakes "Big Guns"

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
GREAT LAKES, ILL.
LT. CDR. R. A. BROWN

GREAT LAKES, ILL., March. The U. S. Naval Training Station basketball team, one of the nation's best, has almost completed its suicide schedule with a snappy record of 28 victories and only five defeats.

Paced by Bob Calihan, Frank Baumholtz and Ernie Andres, All-Americans all, the sailors have breezed through one of the most difficult schedules in the country in championship fashion. Their fine record is doubly impressive because of the fact that only seven of their 28 games have been played at home.

Only Ohio State, Michigan State, Creighton and Notre Dame have been able to silence the Bluejackets' big guns. Meanwhile, the tars have whipped Milwaukee Teachers, Notre Dame, Scott Field, Indiana, St. Norbert's, St. Joseph (twice), Purdue, Central Normal, Butler, Western Kentucky Normal, Calvin, Wheaton, Camp Grant (twice), Northwestern, Chicago, Nebraska, John Carroll, Iowa State, Kansas, Wisconsin, Lake Forest and University of Washington.

Creighton's fine team handed Great Lakes its most decisive defeat. The Bluejays earned a 59-45 decision on their home court at Omaha, Nebraska.

Great Lakes has averaged 51.6 points in each game against 39.6 for the opposition. The team's best offensive effort was a 68-point total against St. Joseph's, while its season low was registered against Michigan State when the Spartans scored a 33-31 upset.

The Navy team's longest winning streak, nine in a row, was snapped by Notre Dame's Fighting Irish, 46 to 43, in a dramatic battle in the Chicago stadium. Previously the Bluejackets had whipped N. D. by a 52-46 count at South Bend, Ind.

Great Lakes has played only one overtime game this season. It was forced into two extra periods before gaining a stirring 49-44 nod over Camp Grant's Warriors at Rockford, Ill.

Calihan, Baumholtz and Andres, the Big Three of the Naval quintet, have scored more than 200 points each. "Cal," former University of Detroit sensation and one of the best hook shot artists in the game, leads the point parade with 252. Baumholtz, who averaged 16.2 points a game during three years of collegiate competition at Ohio University, has collected 235 points, and Andres, who learned his basketball at Indiana, is next in line with 202.

CHICAGOLAND CAGE COMMENT

By JIM ENRIGHT
Sports Writer and Official, Herald-American

FORREST COX, Colorado coach, calls Mike Dougherty, Loyola's 6 foot 7 inch center, a goalie due to his ability to bat the ball away from the hoop on defense. . . . One of the best one-man offensive stands in the Midwest was Notre Dame Center Bob Faught's 25-point spree against Marquette. . . . A one-minute interview with Ward Lambert, Purdue coach: "We have another good team at Purdue, but the boys have only one fault. They just can't hold an early lead."

Warren Brown, sports editor of the new Chicago Sun, is going "all out" in his basketball coverage. When Illinois opened the second half of its Big Ten schedule undefeated Brown assigned staff men to the Northwestern game at Champaign and the Illinois-Indiana game at Bloomington. . . . Members of the Chicago Basketball Writers Association were treated to a return of Coach Phog Allen's verbal blasts on Oklahoma in connection with the Gerald Tucker hearing when the Kansas mentor invaded the Loop.

There's a brother act among the regular officials in the Big Ten this season. The duo is composed of Earl and Johnny Townsend, formerly of Michigan, now residing in Indianapolis. . . . Eddie Jacquin has been promoted from sports editor to managing editor of the Champaign News-Gazette. Jacquin, who has been associated with Illinois sports doings for many years, plans to close out his officiating at the end of the present season.

In the Wisconsin-Chicago game at Chicago, Feb. 10, Johnny Kotz, veteran Badger forward, scored 18 points after missing 23 straight shots in the second half. . . . One of the best individual players to show in Chicago this season is Captain O'Grady of Georgetown. He was about the entire show in the Hoyas' 35 to 34 decision over Marquette.

To Creighton goes the honor of having polished off Great Lakes fives in two different wars. In World War No. 1 the Bluejays trimmed the Gobs, 25 to 20. In their World War No. 2 meeting Eddie Hickey's crew racked up a 59 to 45 decision. . . . Dr. Clarence Spears, Toledo's athletic director, rates Bob Gerber, the Rockets' star center, on a par with Chuck Chuckovits, Toledo ace of former seasons. Coach Andy Anderson of the same club says he has seen nights when "we could use both of 'em."

"I guess we were still up in the air," was Clair Bee's first comment after Long Island dropped a 44 to 43 decision to De Paul early in January. Fol-

lowing out his usual policy, Bee flew the Blackbirds to Chicago and return.

Arch Ward, Chicago Tribune sports editor, and his Wake of the News column readers have had lots of fun this Winter digging up low score basketball games. The present low is 1 to 0.

Willie Wendt, De Paul mentor sitting in while Capt. Tom Haggerty continues his stint in the army, is passing the cigars these days. It's a girl, the Wendt's first. . . . Bradley Tech, robbed of its home court when the Army took over all armories in Illinois, played its first four games on as many courts. The Braves opened at Woodruff high in Peoria, moved to near-by Pekin high school for its second game and hit the road for their next two starts at Denver and California.

Len Sachs, Loyola mentor, continues to hit the Chicago newspapers with his blast on officials. His latest entry into print was a word by word account of his verbal tiff with Official Nick Kearns at a recent meeting of the Chicago Basketball Writers Association.



FORREST B. COX, Colorado Coach
Member, Board of Directors National Association

CROW'S NEST FOR OFFICIALS

Pacific Coast Sees New Idea And Finds It Works

By HOWARD A. HOBSON
Basketball Coach, University of Oregon

BASKETBALL in the Pacific Northwest is enjoying one of its greatest seasons. The calibre of play has been high, attendance is excellent and at least one very workable idea to improve the game has been brought forth.

The Pacific coast conference has sponsored several improvements, including elimination of the center-jump. The northern division of the conference, always progressive in trying ideas that will better the game, is one of the few leagues in the nation using glass backboards to provide better spectator vision.

The latest idea is "crow's nest" officiating, not exactly new but never before given so much attention since Jean Eberhart, athletic director and basketball coach at Southern Oregon College of Education at Ashland inaugurated a series of widely publicized and successful demonstrations.

I imagine most coaches are familiar with the general idea. It simply involves removal of the two officials from the playing floor. One is stationed at each end of the court, in a "nest" or "cage" built above the basket. Each arbiter is given a microphone, or megaphone, so that his rulings can be announced to the players and audience. The officials, each with unobstructed vision of at least half the playing floor, call the game as usual with the exception of out-of-bounds plays.

Here they consult with two linemen, who are placed at opposite corners of the floor. The linemen throw up the ball for jump-balls, watch for out-of-bounds violations and handle the ball on out-of-bounds plays and on free throws.

This type of officiating has been given thorough trials in numerous smaller college and high school games in the Pacific Northwest since Eberhart's first test at Ashland some weeks ago. We are seriously considering its use at Oregon in a northern division conference game later this season.

The idea has numerous good points. First, it places the officials where they cannot be screened from seeing action on the court and where they do not get in the way of players or spectators. It speeds up

play, for the linemen can quickly handle the ball when necessary without the wait for officials to get from one part of the court to another.

I see still another advantage. It would mean that older officials, with years of experience but with wobbly legs that make them unfit for the fast game of today, could continue to work. We may have to use these men if our younger officials are called into service.

In spite of the improvement gained through more intersectional play, there still is a great need for more uniformity and consistency. A basketball official has some 70 important decisions to make during the average game, as compared to only a very few involving penalties by football officials. For this reason it is vital that we do everything possible to aid basketball officiating.

Getting back to the current season, the northern division, Pacific coast conference race is one of the hottest and most interesting in years. The five member teams are very evenly matched and with two weeks of play remaining three teams are neck and neck for the championship. They are Washington State, N.C.A.A. runner-up last year, Oregon State and the University of Washington. If evidence is needed that this league is one of the nation's strongest, we offer the Washington team, one of the nation's fastest and holder of the new Madison Square Garden scoring record. The Huskies have been defeated five times in twelve games played to date.

This section has consistently produced outstanding teams in recent years with the University of Oregon and Washington State in the N.C.A.A. finals two of the past three years. I believe any of the league members could play on even terms anywhere in the nation.

The one-handed shot, so often maligned in some sections of the country, seems to be more effective than ever this year. Despite unusually tight defensive play, scores are high, often reaching 60 or more points a game.

NATIONAL COURT NOTES

George Hamburg of Colorado U. broke his nose in a recent game and is wearing a special nose protector . . . The sophomores are going to town for Colorado. Heath Nuckolls sank two free throws with three seconds to play to defeat Utah by one point after Bob Doll told him that there were two minutes to play to relieve tension. And Lee Robbins

made seven field goals in seven attempts against Brigham Young after making only 12 points all season . . . Gene Bouley, Boston College soph is 6-3 and weighs 230 pounds . . . Mike, Dave and Joe Crowell, sons of "Cap" Crowell, athletics pitcher of decades back are members of Central Fall H.S. team in Buffalo.

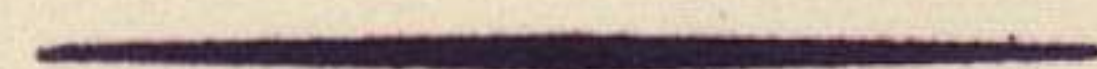
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