

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
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Mr. President:

The members of the Coaching Ethics Committee are as follows:

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| 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."