

HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Founded As An Emergency Organization

Formation of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States started as an emergency measure for the presentation of a united opinion to combat a specific situation. The crisis arose in the spring of 1928 when the Joint Basketball Rules Committee, then the central governing authority, announced without previous warning that it had adopted a change in the rules which virtually eliminated the dribble.

Many of the game's leading coaches felt that such a drastic alteration should not have been made without their knowledge and consent; that the change was not only unnecessary but actually was detrimental in that it robbed the offense of one of its most potent weapons. Finding that individual protests were of no avail a group of mid-Western coaches called a protest meeting to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, at the time of the Drake Relays in May, 1928.

Approximately fifty university, college and high school coaches attended. Dr. F. C. Allen of the University of Kansas was elected chairman. A resolution which appealed to the rules committee to reconsider its action was adopted unanimously. Fearing, however, that the rules body might consider this vote as not representative a committee was appointed to collect opinions from leading coaches in other sec-