

Remarks by Dr. Naismith Cont'd.

There is one thing that I have often thought of. We have meetings of this kind for coaches; we have meetings for officials for the interpretation of rules, but we haven't any way of educating the public and the spectators. It was mentioned in one of the reports that that would be a good thing to do, and I believe it would be one of the very best things in the world to let the crowd know just what the foul is and how it has been committed.

Remarks by Mr. Jack Lipe -

Mr. Jack Lipe: "Mr. President and Members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches: Approximately 650,000 high school boys were playing basketball in 31,000 high schools in the United States this past season. Conclusions drawn from answers to questionnaires and letters sent to this committee indicate conditions of unrest on three points concerning the rules: (1) the three second rule; (2) the ten second center line; and (3) the concern for the health of the high school age player caused by the new tipless game which demands greater speed and skill. Suggest that officials handle the ball after field goals.

"Then we learned from a survey in the state of Illinois that officiating, a vital factor in game administration, was universally poorer during this past year, due, no doubt, to the new speed of this year's game. Some of the larger schools are withdrawing from tournament play and reducing the number of scheduled games since the concern for the health of the player has been so recently emphasized. For those who wish to continue in tournament play, larger squads have been requested.

"With respect to membership in the National Association of Basketball Coaches, this committee believes that the recent reduction for associate membership will materially aid in bringing into the National Association many new members. It has been suggested that a copy of the Bulletin be sent all high school coaches to acquaint them with the fee for one coach, and of the recent reduction for allied membership.