

Report of Research committee Cont'd.

A. Favorable.

- (1) Elimination of rough play and injuries occurring at the center jump.
- (2) Elimination of held balls following the center jump.
- (3) The actual playing time increased from 5 to 6 minutes or more.
- (4) Fewer fouls
- (5) More equalization of ball possession.
- (6) A development of a more varied type of offense.
- (7) The use of more varied type of defensive play.
 - (a) In some sections it has brought the defense out to the back court.
 - (b) In other sections it has brought the zone defense into more prominence.
 - (c) In still other sections, it has revolutionized defensive play, which, in my own opinion, we coaches have been neglecting.
 - (d) In still other sections defensive play has been deemphasized to a point where there really is no defense.
- (8) It has equalized the burden of the players to such an extent that we can eliminate forwards, center and guards and in their stead have five men who are five offensive players and five defensive players.
- (9) It has taught the players to conserve their energy for use at the proper time and place.
- (10) It has brought back into play more skilled players who are not excessively tall.
- (11) It has proved that the game may be aggressive or passive on the demands of the coach.

B. Unfavorable.

- (1) In some sections it has brought about the race horse type of game with wild passing and frequent fouling.
- (2) It has been said that it has taken away the finish and polish of the game.
- (3) It is too continuous, with not enough pauses, and it is making our game monotonous.
- (4) It takes too much endurance and is effecting our players' hearts.

From these comments one can see that those in favor of the elimination of the center jump are a vast majority. Yet there is one comment in the unfavorable group that has received national publicity and is a vital one to both us coaches and our players. This comment on fatigue deserves our serious thought and consideration.