

REPORT OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES
MORRISON HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mr. Valentine Lentz - Chairman.

Mr. President, Members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and distinguished guests.

Our President, Mr. George Edwards; our secretary, Mr. John Bunn and the Chairman of this Research Committee, acting on the wishes of the last convention, have tried to make this committee nationally representative and also to have represented on it the two principal participants in our game, the Colleges and High Schools. With this in mind the following men were asked to serve, all of whom graciously accepted. Mr. Pierce works, representing the west coast; Dr. Forrest C. Allen, representing the Middle West; Mr. H.V. Porter, representing the High School group, and your Chairman representing the East Coast.

In making this report I do not speak for the entire committee, as it has been possible for us to have only one meeting together, so I am asking the permission of the chair to allow each member to have the floor either to add or subtract from, the contents of my findings and to give his, or his section's, opinions in the matters of importance to this committee and to you.

In an effort to find out what the members of this Association were doing in regard to research, your chairman wrote to many of the leading coaches of the various sections of the country for contributions. A few were very co-operative. From the replies received the following problems seem to have been given the most thought during the past season:-

1. The effects of the elimination of the center jump.
2. Extension of the playing space under the basket to four feet.
3. The twelve foot basket
4. Jump balls from the three six foot radius circles
5. Lack of uniformity in equipment
6. Ten second rule
7. Three second rule

In this report we shall take each of these problems separately, and give you our findings and our recommendations.

1. The effect of the elimination of the center jump. Many new situations have come into basketball with the elimination of the center jump and many discussions have been held about these situations. This is always the case when any decided or important change has been made in the rules. There is no reason why participants in the game should become alarmed or hysterical about them. We should be patient, for in due time all these situations will adjust themselves and the rapidity of that adjustment will depend largely on how rapidly we coaches adjust ourselves.

Some of the findings developing out of these situations are listed as follows:-