

Report of the Research committee Cont'd.

The biggest advantage that I find in the change which we were allowed to make is that it aids a fast break, as the backboard men can get the ball out with more freedom. It also eliminates excess whistle blowing where boys recover the ball off the backboard, and step on the line. I feel sure that this change is desirable if it is found that it is possible in most gymnasiums." Unquote.

In five games played in conference competition the average throw-ins resulting from end line out of bounds other than from after goals or free throws was 10, and five practice games played under the additional two foot extension found the out of bounds other than from after field goals or free throws averaging 6 plus. Jump balls were reduced from 27 to 14. This experiment proved that the end line out of bounds were decreased some 30 odd percent and the jump balls nearly 50 percent.

3. The twelve foot basket. There has been much talk on the twelve foot basket in previous years but it has seemed to peter out. Yet there is still the cry about the "Giants". Has the imaginary cylinder above the basket solved the problem? Yes, in some respects but not entirely. Some coaches are still crying about the big men under the basket. The solution can be found by having some conference give this long recommended and debated change a trial. Many of our other problems have been clarified in our research laboratories, why not this one?

4. Jump balls from the three 6 foot radius circles. The Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Conference has been our research laboratory in this proposed change and I believe Dr. Allen will include the findings of that conference on this suggested change in his report, so I will pass on to problem-

5. Lack of uniformity in our equipment. There is no game in our sports' curriculum that places visiting teams under more severe handicaps than the game of basketball. This is particularly so where teams are not playing conference schedules, or where Conference teams are playing part of their schedules outside of their own group.

First they have the size of the various playing courts to contend with. The committee realizes that it is well-nigh impossible for our Rules body to legislate in this case but they can be more emphatic in thier recommendations in an effort to remedy this handicap.

Secondly, they have one of three types of backboards, Glass Steel and wood, to adjust themselves too. This handicap can be remedied by our Rules body by selecting the one most desirable and forbidding the use of the others.