

They have two or should I have said six, entirely different balls to adjust themselves to. The laceless ball with seams with either rubber or metal valves, the ball with seams and lace with either rubber or metal valves, and the seamless ball either plain or with grooves. Each of these balls has a different pressure, entirely different feel, different bouncing qualities and entirely different throwing advantages and disadvantages. Here again our Rules body should decide which of the balls is best and legislate in its favor. This committee feels that we should have one ball and that it is the duty of this convention to recommend such a ball.

I believe Mr. H. V. Porter of this committee has done quite a bit experimenting along this line and will go more into detail as to the committee's finding when he makes his report.

Lastly, the visiting teams meet three entirely different kinds of baskets; one, as prescribed in Rule 3, Section 1 & 2, another as prescribed in this rule but with leather, cloth or rubber padding around the ring and lastly, the newer Bask-o-lite baskets. All three types of baskets named have different reactions to the ball, making it necessary for teams playing schedules as previously described either to place the three different baskets in their own equipment or try to adjust themselves as to their shooting and rebound at game time.

My own team played one game this season where the Bask-o-lite baskets were used. We did not score a field goal in the first half and had taken 32 shots the score at the end of the first half ending 17 to 2 against us. The final score of this game was 33-22. It had taken us 20 minutes to adjust ourselves to both our shooting and rebound play.

Since playing Villanova I have been in touch with Mr. Severence, the coach, and here are his own reactions as to the baskets. Quote "Regarding the Bask-o-lite baskets. -well, my boys cuss them everytime they let one go and it does not hit true for it requires a well-timed followup to get anywhere. In all seriousness, "Dutch", the fans here go for them pretty well. My boys do not like them because they require a dead center shot to make the goal. They give you very little breaks. I also find that they have been more severe on my equipment, namely, balls but that could be remedied by a covering of rubber over the catch that the ball hits.

They are a saving from the view points of nets, etc. We use both for practice having only run into them about five times. I believe they do add a little color to the game from the spectators' viewpoint." Unquote.

The type of basket as prescribed by Rule 3, Section 1 & 2, but with leather, cloth or rubber covered ring acts exactly opposite from the Bask-o-lite type. This basket deadens the shock and nearly all the rebounds are within a four foot radius under the basket, thus giving the team with the exceptionally tall men an advantage and tending to create more than the usual amount of rough play under the basket, and also increasing the number of jump balls and out of bounds plays at the end line.

This committee again recommends one type of basket. Here again let us select the type approved by the majority, recommend our choice to our Rules body and request them to legislate against all others. Let us keep in mind that this game belongs to the individual playing it and not to coaches or to the manufacturers of athletic equipment.