

Proceedings (Condensed) of the Annual Meeting
of the National Basketball Coaches Association at the
Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

March 15-16, 1937

The convention of the National Basketball Coaches Association opened at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, March 15, 1937, with a panel discussion, presided over by Harold G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, with the following present: John W. Bunn, of Stanford; "Ed" Hickox, Springfield College; Arthur Kahler, Brown; George Keogan, Notre Dame; J. W. St. Clair, Southern Methodist; and, James Kelly, University of Minnesota.

Chairman Olsen sounded the keynote of the afternoon meeting, when reporting on a questionnaire distributed among all active members, declared that the coaches deplored the lack of uniformity of interpretations both within conferences and sections, and as between various sections of the country; and secondly, laid this lack of uniformity upon the Coaches themselves.

John Bunn reported upon the methods used in the Pacific Coast Conference in trying to work uniform interpretation in semi-annual meetings between coaches and officials. He suggested that the probable reason that there were few good officials was that they have not had a good background of high class basketball, as players. George Keogan described the lack of uniformity and suggested a plan whereby a representative of the principal conferences through the nation would get together and decide upon an official interpretation that would stand for the entire nation.

Arthur Kahler, of Brown, averred that there would be a healthier situation existant if coaches did not hire the same officials time and time again, since the players come to know just what the officials are going to call, thereby putting visiting teams at a disadvantage. He added that officials should be in better physical condition than they have been. He suggested leaving the rules alone for a few years to expedite uniform interpretations.

Ed Hickox, of Springfield, described New England's Class A and B list of basketball officials, as employed and altered at the conclusion of every season.

Nel Norgrin, of the University of Chicago, asked three points, "Just what constitutes a charging, holding, and blocking?"

Ward Lambert, of Purdue, moved that the president appoint a committee selected from representatives of all sections and conferences present at this meeting, plus coaches like Keogan and Carlson whose teams are not in conferences, and work out a uniform interpretation on certain rules. The motion was carried unanimously.

Leonard Sachs, of Loyola University, suggested that this committee work out a play situation book to clarify questionable points.