

As far as fast breaking teams are concerned, the championship Stanford teams of last year and this affords a potent example of the lack of ill effects from the elimination. An exceptionally fast, driving team, if any group should show adverse results from the elimination, they should. Their record, however, speaks for itself.

Aside from this, however, it is submitted that the present four time-outs and fifteen minute intermissions, coupled with the greatly lessened physical contact resulting from the elimination, are more than sufficient to counterbalance the element of added playing time.

6. Does the present restraining circle eliminate the undesirable features of the center jump?

It was found that in pre-conference games where the center jump and restraining circle were used that the latter offered no obstruction whatever to the old "crowding in" tactics with their resulting contact. And the opinion is further hazarded that enlarging the circle will have no better effect. It is only necessary to refer to the analogous situation where two or more players are diving for the loose ball. Contact, and potentially dangerous contact, is certain to result.

The above will serve briefly to set forth our thoughts with regard to the various questions which have been voiced concerning the matter. It has not been, and it is not, our desire to make the proposed change a controversial matter. It is our sincere feeling, however, that the change proposed is distinctly for the best interests of the game itself and of the boys who play it. We therefore recommend that the proposed elimination of the center jump in the cases specified in the attached rule modifications be approved for adoption and, as so approved, be embodied in the official Basketball Rules.

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