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Coaches opinion of the New Basketball.

First, we are not using the new seamless ball to any extent out here. It will not be used in our Conference games. However, I played around with the ball all last summer. We found that if the pressure in the ball was controlled to between seven and eight pounds, then we had no difficulty with the ball whatever, it was not too lively and while we scrimmaged with the ball and used long passes a great deal, we did not notice any evidence of sinking or curving of the ball different from the old ball. I have been prejudiced against the ball right from the start. This, of course, is not a scientific point of view. Speaking without bias, I think there is much to recommend the ball and I have no doubt but that within a short time, it will replace the other ball. It certainly holds its shape better; it wears very much longer and I think we will adjust ourselves to the feel of this type of ball within a short time. I do not at present have any of the seamless balls on hand. However, I shall take opportunity to study this particular point which you have raised. If I get any results which contradict the above, I shall write you.

It is my opinion that all of the bad features of the ball have not been entirely eliminated and until they have been we will not use them.

The biggest sales talk to me is the fact that my boys do not care for the ball. Naturally I feel that I would be foolish to ask them to use something in which they have no confidence, and we can hardly afford to buy balls just to decorate the sidelines.

My boys do not like the new seamless ball. They will pick up an old and very much worn ball with a lace rather than a brand new seamless ball. I tell them it is in their head, but they do not like the new ball. They say they play and shoot better with a laced ball. We find our guards throwing curves with the seamless ball when they hook pass out after taking a ball off the back board for a fast break. I bought half dozen new seamless balls but the kids dont even want them in the gym class.