

THE NEW BASKETBALL. Cont'd.

This is what the members of my basketball teams think of the new ball.

1. When shooting long shots hand slips from surface of ball.
2. Hand slips from ball when passing.
3. Cannot be caught as easily as old ball with seams.
4. Old ball better for dribbling, for it can be controlled more effectively.

5. Ball tends to drop when throwing a long pass.
For myself, I do not like the new ball because it does tricks like the above and unless universally adopted should be discarded. We tried the ball in a practice game last season and the players said the ball was tricky in shooting, passing and dribbling - holding passes was difficult.

In answer to your letter relative to the new ball.

A year ago, during experiment's the ball did curve, float and dip. This was primarily due to the fact that they used 13 pounds pressure. After rather extensive experimentation we found that 8 pounds pressure in the new ball, was equivalent to 13 pounds pressure in the old ball. I believe you will find that the new ball at 8 pounds pressure, will produce about the same reactions that the old ball had.

The best way to determine this for yourself is to get a couple and try them. We are using some of them - also the laceless ball of the old type.

There is really no sales talk necessary on this new ball. I firmly believe that in the next year or two, all balls both football and basketballs will be Last Build. It was my pleasure to spend several days at the factory, studying the operations in manufacture, and to conduct the laboratory tests of this ball.

It is sure is perfection, no question about that. And as I told you the matter of sailing, and liveliness was due to too much pressure in the new ball.

Dear Coach:

In answer to your fine letter of recent date I am very much in accordance with your views on the new seamless Basketball and in fact several of the coaches of our opponents have written in requesting that the ball not be used in games played between our institutions.

Yes, the ball just seems to be no good.