

More on the New Ball.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

Letter:

One of the most significant developments in the field of sports has been the perfection of basketballs made either in a spherical mold or over a last of wax. The National Federation officials have been active in furthering this development. They have made a thorough investigation of the methods of manufacture and design used in the production of all balls of this type. Among those which have been found to constitute a real contribution to the game is the ball manufactured over a wax last under the "Last-Bilt" patent. We believe that the perfection of the Last-bilt and other approved types of molded balls is one of the most important developments of the last decade and that schools will find them economical and a contribution to accurate play.

As a result of the investigations which have been made concerning these balls, the National Federation approves them for play in any high school game or tournament and encourages school men to use them along with other approved types of molded balls.

Comprehensive tests indicate a "Last-Bilt" ball or other approved molded ball will outwear several stiched balls, that every ball is a perfect sphere, that the ball does not stretch after being in use, and that the constant and controlled reaction is conducive to more accurate passing, dribbling and shooting. We recommend the "Last-Bilt" ball as one of those of the new construction that conforms the National Federation quality and durability standards.

For all inflated balls, conformity with the definition of a "legal ball" as specified in the official rules depends upon the pressure to which the ball is inflated. It is the responsibility of the user to inflate the ball to the pressure that will insure conformity with the rules. This should be the pressure stamped on the ball by the manufacturer.

We believe that the use of the molded type ball will result in great economy and playing benefits.

B. T. "Butch" Grover, Ohio University, has been seriously ill for some months. He spent most of the summer in a hospital and has been unable to attend actively to his duties as director of athletics during the fall. The opening of the basketball season finds him recovered enough to assume his task of coaching the teams.

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