

We used the Riddell eight-pound new model ball in our Summer School basketball course. We liked it very much, but hesitated to use it less the slight difference in resiliency and ease of ball handling would "throw us off" in games played with other types of ball. Frankly, I liked the ball and have no personal interest in it.

Permit me at the very outset to state that I have made a study of this ball and have found it extremely unsatisfactory. My observations have been that my boys seem to find it even so difficult in making long passes. Furthermore, one cannot obtain that finger-tip control which is so essential to accurate shooting because of the smoothness of the surface. As a result, our graduate manager of the College has informed all of the teams that we are to play that we will not use that ball this season.

Shabinger, former coach of Creighton on seamless ball says:

1. Ball is perfect sphere
2. It is vulcanized
3. Tested by machine and driven at velocity of a bullet. After 325,000 blows it gained 3/22 of an inch in circumference.
4. Ball dropped 6 feet rebounded 4 feet 8 inches. Laceless report 4 feet 6 inches - 4 feet 3 inches and 3 feet 5 inches all different.
5. Rebounds off board much farther.

Art Kahler, genial coach of Brown University, Providence, R.I., writes that he believes the new basketball rules are absolutely O.K. and is sure the basketball public will go for them one hundred percent. He asserts that the court fans crave action, and with the abolishment of the centre tap, he predicts that they will get all the excitement and action they crave in one evening.

Colby College is following the trend of the Maine colleges by adopting a basketball schedule this year with its first team taking up play under Coach Ed Roundy. The facilities for the game, previously inadequate, are being realized with the construction of a new board floor in the field house.