

Proceedings - Annual Convention - Cont'd.

- (o) Motion that team fouled may have the option of refusing the free throw and may take the ball out of bounds at the center line. - Carried.
- (p) Remarks by President Edwards
- (q) Report of the Nominating Committee, and election of officers.
- (r) Remarks by President Chandler
- (s) Motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended the retiring officers.

President Edward's address,
April 4, 1938.

For the eleventh consecutive year we are gathered to discuss the welfare of basketball as it is played in our schools and to consider ways and means by which we may become still more valuable to this game. Among us there is hardly one who does not have several other activities which occupy much of his time, yet it must be noted that basketball commands a most important position in our lives. In fact, we find that continuous and energetic efforts must be made to refrain from making the emphasis so strong that we become boresome to others because of a pronounced tendency to focus our discussions on basketball. To me this desire to color our whole lives by this game always has appeared remarkable.

Most of us are intimately connected with the sport through daily contacts which exist throughout the major portion of the year. During the playing season it is so much a part of us that we demonstrate its techniques and argue methods with almost anyone who gives us his attention; we coach squads in interschool competition; we teach it to novices in gymnasium classes; we lecture about it in teachers' training courses; we seek the company of players, coaches and officials to exchange ideas about it; we subscribe for magazines which feature basketball articles, and then turn to the sport pages of the daily newspapers to study game reports, box scores and hear stories; we find ourselves diagramming plays on table linen at meal times or in the pages of the song books at church; then during our sleep we dream of ways to make free throws 100 percent accurate or concoct psychological approaches which will arouse our players to super-performance. To cap it all, we conclude an intensive season by attendance at this convention where nothing else but basketball is considered.

That we can feed so fully on this game and seldom become satiated is a miracle of human capacity. A story is told of a basketball coach who died and, much to the surprise of his opponents, was consigned to eternal heavenly bliss. As he approached the pearly gates he was thankful that he had never coached from the sidelines; taught his players slick ways to make fouls without detection; nor ridden game officials; that he had always given correct pre-game statements; and had refused to alibi defeats. For now he was about to enter a place where time knew no limits, and where he would be free to use all of his basketball knowledge and skill. What a reward!