

If our game is to progress rather than regress, we coaches must stop acting like pampered children and grow into men of quality. The yowling coaches are becoming fewer, but there are still some to be smoked out. Those opposed to the practice can demonstrate their attitude by the actions of their players. Exclusive of the captain, none should be allowed to approach the officials. Player protests through sign language, facial, head, or shoulder expressions can be eliminated by any capable coach in short order. In the long run the coach will profit by his own square teaching.

More games will be won on their merit. We shall win or lose with grace, and there still will be glory all around in giving the best we have. When the heat of battle has blown over there will be sufficient retrospection to differentiate between right and wrong, and the coach who has behaved properly will have sure compensation. Character building will not be the bunk of the comic artists but will be a contribution to society from athletics.

Why not republish the basketball coaches creed? Some of the boys could read it profitably.

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EXPECT TIGHT RACE IN BUCKEYE CONFERENCE

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The basketball busy Buckeye Conference promises to sponsor the grandpappy of all free-for-alls this winter as the six member teams, Ohio Wesleyan, Cincinnati, Ohio University, Miami, Marshall, and Dayton, appear just about as evenly matched as you can find six outfits.

Ohio Wesleyan and Cincinnati, co-champions last year, have been hit hard by graduation and will not be as strong as they were in 1935-36. Ohio University, Miami, and Marshall are back with veterans and should be improved. Dayton will depend upon sophomores about which there is little known except that they are expected to be better than the outfit which was in last place a year ago.

Ray Detrick's Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan have been the dominant court power in the loop for the last three years with two undisputed and one tied championship. However, only McAdams, forward, returns from last winter's fine combination. Tavenner, center, and Glancy, guard, who were lost by ineligibility in mid-season last year will be back to help the situation. New men of ability are expected to make the Bishops a real threat despite their losses.

Coach Tay Brown has a similar situation at Cincinnati as Capelle is the only regular back from the co-champion outfit. However, Brown does have five returning lettermen, and prospects cannot be classed as poor as the Bearcat mentor says that three sophomores likely will beat out some of these veterans.

Ohio University re-enters the race with five of the six regulars from last season, including Lalich, all-Ohio center; Hood and Shingleton, forwards; Rinta and Malokas, guards. The Bobcats missed a share in the 1935-36 championship by a single point, and are rated as favorites by a majority of Buckeye court fans.