

The wrong hoop, Contd.

The game then became rougher and rougher, Brown - tall rangy and strong tried to hold possession of the ball. Brown and R.I. State lost two players each via. the foul route with about five minutes of the game to be played. R.I. State lost Jaworski captain and best player, and Brown players became rougher - Score 44 to 41 - Platt dribbled, walked and carried the ball in and got a basket, but the officials said he was walking, disallowing the basket. Fouls and a basket from the field by R.I. State put the score 51 to 42 and with two minutes to go Brown committed four disqualifying fouls. By the way this is the only game that I ever had anything to do with that four disqualifying fouls were committed. Then again, the Brown University coach sent in a substitute who was abusing the "English Language" and the officials would not let him play.

In justice to the officials I might say that Kelleher and Clark are two of the best officials in New England, and Brown agreed to have them in both of our games - in fact, they insisted on them - and now the coach of Brown says that he will not have them there on March 4, the date R.I. State plays the return game at Brown University. Kelleher is or has been President of the Basketball Officials of the United States of America and is now Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Basketball Officials.

Of course Oswald Tower was immediately bombarded, by telegraph, telephone and personal letters for his official interpretation of the seemingly injustice handed out to Brown University on the wrong basket - Here is his official decision, with comments Quote - "Questions have been coming from all directions concerning that goal by Platt in your game with Brown. We must admit that the officials slipped momentarily, although it is a slip that the best officials might make. The decision to count the goal for R.I. State was correct and was the only possible decision under the circumstances."