

Comments, Contd.

"The officials are not covering the floor properly. When a player makes a break for a basket one official should shift to a position directly under the basket. Most of the fouls are made in this territory. Not only that, but you must be in position to catch the out of bounds on the end lines. The biggest thing in officiating is position on the floor. Officials are trying to get by too easy and are not working together. Officials should work together and go down and under at all times.

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"I believe that if the 'center jump' is still to be out the following season, the elimination of the ten second rule would bring back some of the lost science and retard the speed of the game.

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"A rule to enforce the chasing of a coach (as in baseball) who continually gets off the bench and yells at the officials, would be a great help to keeping order.

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"Officials should not take games after a night game has been accepted, except by consent of the schools involved in the latter game.

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"I believe uniform interpretations by officials, coaches, and conferences and a better understanding of the rule book by players would help materially.

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"With the steady increase of interscholastic ball games we are very much in need of standard officiating and interpretations. The only answer I can see is to call them according to the book instead of to each conference's desires.

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"I think the captain of a team can aid in the problem of booing. He can raise his hands and in this way make a silent appeal. His reaction with the officials will dominate a belligerent crowd. Fans should be instructed over a loud speaker for what reason the foul was called.

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"I would like to see four feet between banker and end line.

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"In our section the crowd have been friendly. Unfriendly situations have been found to develop in reflecting the attitudes of the 'suspicious' coaches. Officials sometimes are too friendly during the interval preceding a game and favors are sometimes expected.

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"Believe officials can help themselves. The patrons go to games to see the players, not the officials. The more the officials are kept out of the limelight, the better things will be.

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"It is my belief that a series of newspaper articles published from coast to coast just prior to the opening of basketball season, in which the rules would be discussed and plays which cause most trouble to officials be explained, it would help more than any other thing.

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