

Comments, Contd.

"Officials might appear more dignified and enjoy better receptions from crowds if some other wearing apparel than the usual striped shirt could be designed.

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"Partly due to the new ruling eliminating center jump and partly due to lack of training, boys get tired before the end of the game and fouling increases considerably.

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"Good officiating, correct attitudes developed by administrators and most problems are solved.

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"I feel that we are improving each year with our officials, as this is a very tough problem. I always feel men who have worked together should be paired off, if possible.

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"I believe that officials should be allowed to 'call them' according to rules, as long as the rules are as they are. Special rulings, or interpretations for leeway in interpretation by individual conferences is harmful.

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"Possibility of awarding trophy to school showing best sportsmanship.

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"On question No. 13, a comparative rating list should have a tendency to make school officials in charge willing to make an effort to place their school high in the listing.

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"Tremendous improvement in basketball last few years proves coaches are right in conscientiously striving to improve game further.

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"Heads of schools and athletic directors could help very much by controlling the crowd and educating them. Also the actions of the coach are taken up by the crowd.

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"I would like to see free throws given a man fouled only when he is in scoring territory, say, thirty feet of basket. On fouls called elsewhere, give the man fouled the ball out of bounds and charge the man with the foul same as now. Possession of ball not a free throw is enough penalty to give for a foul like this, as he couldn't have scored anyhow.

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"Speaking from a general standpoint, I will state that I believe the great difference in interpretations in different sections of the United States is due primarily to the coaches getting together and placing personal or group interpretations on the rules. If each section of the country would adhere to a strict interpretation of the rules as drawn up by our Rules Committee, I believe the situation would clarify itself.

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"We believe that if the coach refrains from 'getting on' the official, his players will do likewise and the spectators will follow the players in this respect. In short, if the coaches and players abide by all decisions of the official, you will find the spectators following suit.

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