

Comments, Contd.

"I believe the action of basketball coach has more to do with the actions of the crowd than any other one thing. When a foul is called, the first thing the crowd does is look at the coach. His actions govern their actions.

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"Your crowd behaves according to the actions of the players on the bench. If the coaches, trainers, and players maintain a fair attitude you can eliminate some of the present situation.

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"I believe that the third official is a need at present, but some schools are scarcely financially able to pay one official. In question No. 9, the interpretation meetings help to officiate more more uniformly. In question No.13, I believe the coach is a little more careful in actions if he knows he is being rated.

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"Feel that calling of technicals is a bit over-emphasized this year. Feel that calling of three fouls each half would relieve pressure on players, crowd, etc. Put player out until end of half if three are called.

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"I don't think the officials are at fault. It's the conferences. Each conference wants a different interpretation put on the various rules instead of following the rule book. Basketball is supposedly a non-contact game. It is getting to be worse than football in Indiana and Ohio.

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"I feel all associations should have more power over coaches. They are the trouble makers usually, and I feel if we had the power to blacklist schools because of the coaches' actions, after a fair investigation, they would respect us a great deal more. Every coach has his friends among officials, I know, but I feel strongly no official is going out and deliberately throw a game. Everyone makes mistakes, but the more I see of it after fourteen years of officiating, it is getting more and more so that the coaches blame officials for losing a game. It is just a good way for a coach to pass the buck because of his own lack of, or poor judgement in handling his players.

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"Suggest removal of player who makes three fouls in either half for remaining time in the period. Disqualification of player at beginning of second half due mainly to fouls committed in first half is too severe a penalty and frequently decides the result of a game.

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"Leave the game alone. Too much rule changing hurts the game, and I would like to see the game go back to the rules of 1928.

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"The one rule to help coaches-officials relationship is to keep coaches completely out of the officials' dressing rooms before and after the game -- even the winning coach.

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