

PHILADELPHIA, IT'S UP TO YOU

Dear Shootin' 'Em--Like the last of the Mohicans, or sumpin', the last of the great basketballers are in the pro ranks. Future replacements will be as inferior as Japanese machine fittings!

Who can attempt to fill the shoes of those brilliant court strategists who know defense as well as all the theories of putting the ball through the bucket in the fewest number of tries? Who can match the passing ability of the Renaissance Five, or the old Celtics? Not one guy--not a single one!!

For all-time teams, what moderns have the all-around ability of these fellows named here on my own personal super-colossal wonder five?

All-time All-America
F. McDermott (Celtics)
F. Beckman (Celtics)
F. Hickey (Celtics)
C. Cooper (Rens)
C. Larchick (Celtics)
G. Holman (Celtics)
G. Husta (Celtics)
G. Birch (Celtics)

All-time Collegian
Vandivier (Franklin)
Byatt (Pittsburgh)
Luisetti (Stanford)
Townsend (Michigan)
Carney (Illinois)
White (Purdue)
William (Wisconsin)
Birch (Duquesne)

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It is unfair, of course, to jump at conclusions on the basis of one experiment, but it would appear from the results of Arcadia Hall's backboardless basketball the other night that the absence of a banking surface behind the basket affects the game in the following ways:

- (1) Reduces scoring.
- (2) Encourages set shooting almost to the exclusion of under-the-basket plays.

On the negative side, it is significant that the taller players still controlled rebounds of missed shots. One of the arguments in favor of eliminating the boards was that it reduced the big fellows' advantage underneath.

The low scores (the Jamaica Heereys beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 25 to 21) probably can be attributed to the fact that the teams were as conservative in their shooting as they were inaccurate. Undoubtedly, they found it difficult to fix the range without the background.

Since the combatants were professionals, who are traditionally loath to go under in attempts to score lest they be maimed in the process, you may argue with some reason that the disparity between set shots and scoring efforts made on the move was only to be expected. The teams took a total of only eighty shots, sixty-five of them set. They caged only fourteen, and of these twelve were set. In other words, only two goals were made by players in motion toward the goal. If that is basketball, you can have it.

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DREW CAPACITY -- The recent Michigan State-Michigan U. basketball game filled Michigan State's new fieldhouse to capacity, slightly more than 9,000.

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