

- NEW ENGLAND SEEKS RECOGNITION -

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With the exception of the various National tournaments, all sections of the country, save New England, have sought and gained recognition for the style and calibre of their particular teams. Long Island University, Temple, Stanford, New Mexico Aggies, Notre Dame, to name a few have brought their section to the foreground wherever basketball is discussed. Intersectional contests have given these teams National prestige.

Meanwhile New England conservatism has strangled collegiate basketball just as it has obtained a toe-hold on many phases of New England life. Coaches and Athletic Directors have been overlooking the value of intersectional games and have been content with practically the same schedule year after year. Thus New England basketball has become stagnant. No new interest! No new incentive! A self-satisfied section whose development has been retarded by Yankee conservatism.

This year, however, a few New England colleges are attempting to remedy the situation, and gain recognition. University of Connecticut, Brown University, and Rhode Island State College are traveling to New York to play outstanding teams from the Mid-west, and South. As these three teams, annually, rate as outstanding in their section, a true comparison with teams from other parts of the country can be made.

Perhaps New England basketball does not deserve ranking with other sections, but at least she should be given a chance to "show her stuff". With this years intersectional battles, New England should know definitely where she stands. At last, the authorities have awakened and the teams will have a chance to prove themselves. Better late than never!

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