

STARTED WHEN BABY

Young Temple Hoop Coach Began Shooting Baskets When Only Six Years Old.

Philadelphia, Jan. (INS)--Ernie Messikomer, 25-year-old new head coach of basketball at Temple University and probably the youngest major college court mentor in the country, began shooting baskets when he was six years old.

His father, a player in the days when the game was played in a cage, set up a hoop in the Messikomer back yard for Ernie to practice on. Messikomer, captain of the Temple court squad in 1936, has captained every basketball team on which he played, including those in grammar and high school, Penn Athletic Club and Temple varsity and freshman outfits.

Temple's basketball team is the smallest squad physically in Owl history, none of the players, with the exception of Don Henderson, reaching six feet.

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BEAT HANK'S MARK

Bob Barbi, the St. Mary's sophomore forward performing here with the Gaels against the Trojans and Bruins this weekend, broke Hank Luisetti's prep scoring record in San Francisco. But he'll have to go some to equal the great mark Luisetti hung up at Stanford.

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COLLEGE COACHES BACK HOOP COMMISSION.

Believing that organized amateur basketball has a definite place in the general scheme of public recreation, basketball coaches from five nearby major colleges yesterday volunteered to support actively the Boston amateur basketball commission at the annual meeting of the organization held in the Walker Memorial of M.I.T.

Enrolled as members of the commission, Wes Fesler of Harvard, Henry McCarthy, M.I.T.; Merrel Collard, Boston University; James Dunn, North-eastern University and Arthur Cochrane of Tufts College enthusiastically endorsed the organization's aims and pledged cooperation with league officials James Parker, president; Henry McGuinness, vice-president; and W. Duncan Russell, secretary-treasurer.

YES, PARKER IS ALL FOR ELIMINATING THE BACKBOARD.

Robert H. Parker (Peerless Electric): "During the several years I played basketball without backboards most of the outstanding stars of the country were small men. Dave MacMillian can tell you about George Tilden of the Washington Continentals one of the great forwards of all time, and Clark of Flushing L.I., Snow and Hardman of Company E of Schenectady and the left forward of the Buffalo Germans. If you consult the records you will find the scores ran just as high as they do today".

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