

BY DICK FRIENDLICH

George Barsi, coach of Santa Clara's Broncos, was in the stands at Madison Square Garden the night U.S.C. whipped Long Island U. and he is very much afraid the Trojans are stronger than they were last year. That is, he is afraid in an academic sense, since the Broncos and Trojans don't meet, unless it be in the N.C.A.A. play-offs, which are quite a piece in the future. Southern California's guards, reports George, are shooting much oftener than of yore and driving into the basket oftener, too. The failure of Coach Sam Barry to have his guards shoot in recent years cost Troy more than one game. It was possible almost to ignore the Trojan guards on offense and play five men on defense against three in the U.S.C. front line of attack. We saw California do exactly that one night in 1938 and hold Troy to something like six field goals. Barry loosened up some last year and is apparently going even further this season.

Santa Clara didn't even get up a good sweat in winning four of the games of its barnstorming swing, but lost the fifth in overtime to DePaul of Chicago. Barsi thinks DePaul is at least as good as Long Island.

Best team Stanford met on its Eastern swing was University of Baltimore says Everett Dean, the Indian mentor. The Redshirts won that one in overtime but lost to an inferior Nebraska five 48 - 47, for their only defeat.

Despite the now-constant stream of Western invaders, most of the Eastern quintets still stick to the short-pass, slow-breaking game which develops into the round-the-horn attack aimed at screening off the spot. The guards seldom desert the rear rank on attack.

Dartmouth was an exception to this style, but Rutgers, Columbia and Baltimore observed it almost religiously, Dean reported, Nebraska and Wisconsin, the other two Indian foes, both play the fast break game which dominates the Midwest.

Eastern interpretation of fouls, especially on screen plays, differs considerably from the Pacific Coast version, but you can nearly kill the ball-handler without being called if you don't hit from the rear. It's very puzzling.

The Indians came home with their lineup set save for the center job, Dick Taylor, 6 foot 6 inch junior, did some remarkable rebound work on the tour, Dean said, and is easily the best defensive man of the candidates. However, Bob Penn, a 6-foot 5-inch sophomore, is the most dangerous scoring threat. Taylor will probably get the starting assignment against U.C.L.A. this week end.

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W.F.F.Jr.

W.F.F.Jr., is wondering if Mr. George Keogan has not permitted the basketball rules to get him down. Notre Dame is seldom so hard pressed as at the moment to bat .500 and Notre Dame is seldom in such a basketball plight. Mr. Keogan does not care for the ten-second rule, the line across the floor, the elimination of the center jump, the three-second rule of the rule which permits the offended team to decline a free throw and take possession of the ball out of bounds. Above all George detests the zone defense.