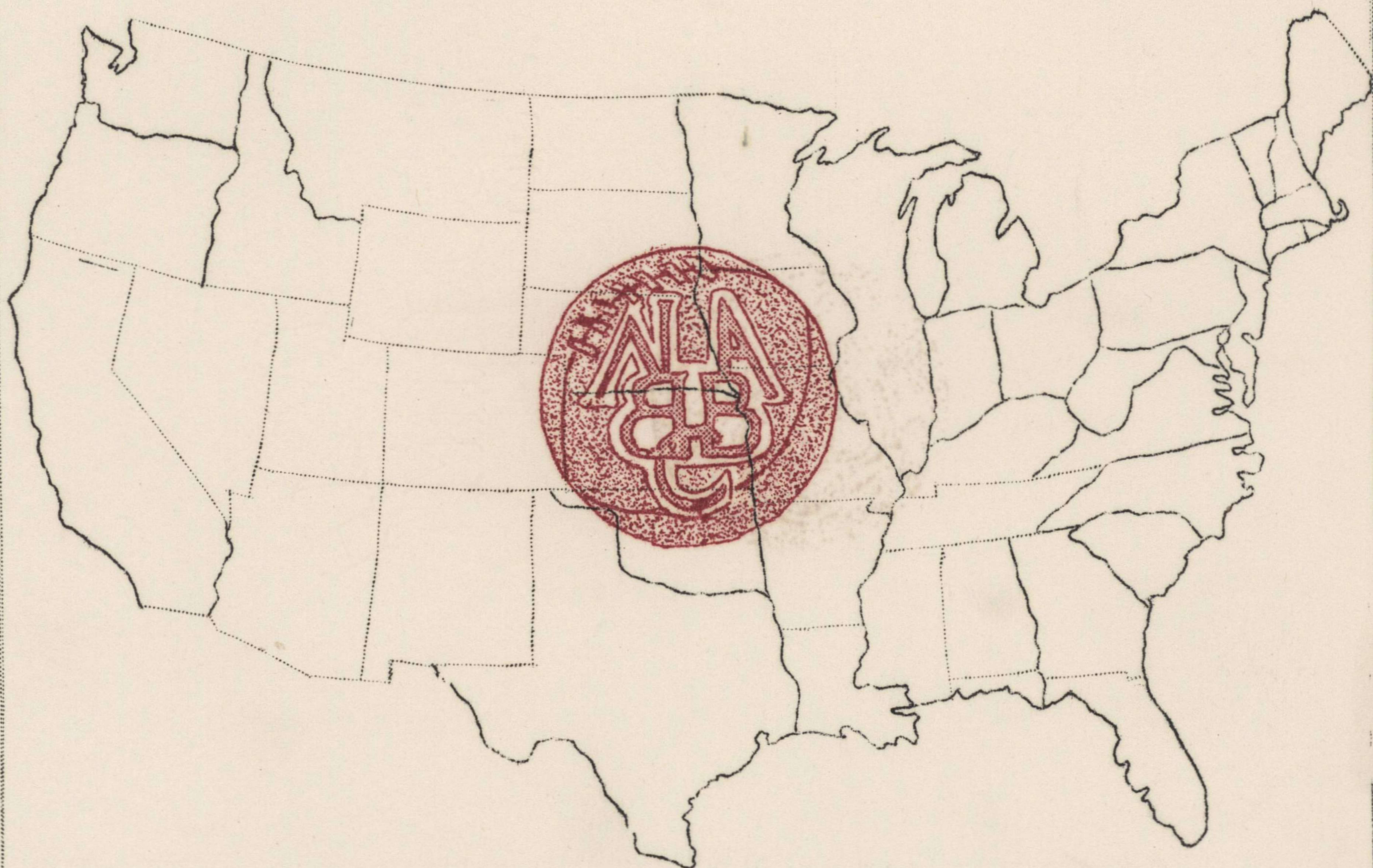


NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE UNITED STATES

BULLETIN NO 1.

NOVEMBER 10, 1939.



BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE UNITED STATES

Sherman Hotel - Chicago, Ill., March 25, 26, 27, 1939.

1. Saturday, March 25th:

9:00 A.M. - Registration throughout the day.

10:00 A.M. Executive Meeting - Officers and Board of Directors.

2:00 P.M. Pictures:

- a. Excerpts of College Basketball in Madison Square Garden.
- b. Marquette Vs Wisconsin.
- c. New York Vs Notre Dame.

Assembly:

- a. Election of officers
- b. President's address
- c. Reports of Committees.

- (1). a. Report of the Tournament and Olympic Committee.
- b. Report of the Research Committee.
- c. Report of the Committee on Coaching ethics.
- d. Report of the Visual Interpretation Committee.
- e. Report of the Membership Committee.
- f. Report of the Committee on officials.
- g. Report of the Committee on Rules Interpretation.

2. Sunday, March 26th:

2:00 P.M. Pictures:

- a. Wisconsin Vs Notre Dame
- b. Long Island Vs Loyola - Championship game.
- c. Rules Committee Report
- d. Rules Discussion
- e. Round table discussion
- f. 6:30 P.M. - Banquet.

3. Monday, March 27th:

10:00 A.M. Pictures:

- a. Rules rating
- b. Election of officers
- c. 8:00 P.M. National championship basketball game - Oregon State Vs Ohio State, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Brief of President Chandler's Address.

1. Two criticisms of our organization by the Basketball Rule Committee:

a. The coaches are devoting too much emphasis to rules changes.

In answer to this charge President Chandler thought this criticism unjustifiable, if we, as coaches, do not show a vital interest in the rules, we can expect the rules to stand still.

b. That we are neglecting other phases of the game. Therefore we ought to consider such problems as a standardation:

- (1) More uniformed courts, backboards, lighting and equipment.
- (2) More uniform elegibility rules.
- (3) More uniform interpretation of rules.
- (4) Tenure of office.
- (5) Opportunities for more individuals to participate.
- (6) Proper regulations and supervision of tournaments.
- (7) Closer medical supervision.
- (8) Research.

c. Sportsmanship:

- (1) Encourage radio commentators and newspaper writers to curb blasts on coaches, players and officials.
- (2) Encourage basketball education through demonstrations, newspaper articles and radio broadcasts.
- (3) To cut comments by coaches regarding officials.
- (4) To improve behavior of coach and players on bench.
- (5) Socialization of players.

2. The nominating committee - A.C. Lonborg, chairman, then brought in recommendations for the following officers to serve for the during 1939 - 1940 -

President	B. T. Grover . .	Ohio University
First Vice-president . .	Nat Holman . . .	City College of New York
Second Vice-president. .	Nels Norgren . .	University of Chicago
Third Vice-president . .	Everett Dean . .	Stanford University
Secretary-Treasurer . .	E. J. Hickok . .	Springfield College
Editor	Frank W. Keaney.	Rhode Island State College.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. S. Chandler - Marquette
W. H. Browne - Nebraska

Marsh Diebold - Carleton
Val Lentz - St. Johns.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Lonborg
Chairman.

These recommendations were accepted and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE RULES RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE

In preparing this report the Chairman of the Rules Recommendation Committee and the members thereof have based their suggestions on the promise that it is no longer necessary to sound a clarion for the preservation of the game.

The sustained popularity of basketball in 1938-1939 judged by enthusiasm, publicity, game attendance and player participation, is evidence that the game is definitely established as the nation's leading sport.

The Rules Recommendation Committee, therefore believes that no major rulings are necessary or in demand at the present time.

Before bringing to your attention a few minor changes, we wish to make a brief resume of rules and application during the past season. Spectators and players alike seem to approve of the present game. Hard running, one-hand shots, and the "All over the Court" play have been highly developed during the past season.

INTERPRETATIONS

Interpretations involving blocking have caused no difficulty this year. This is due either to more uniform interpretation and application of the rules, or which is more importance to the good sportsmanship of coaches. In the recent invitation tournament no coach of a participating or defeated team voiced anything except approbation of the officiation. With respect to blocking, offending players no longer "put on the act", or act astonished when they cause contact or an attempted screen play, and a foul is called against them.

CROWD BEHAVIOR

Crowd behavior has caused considerable apprehension in a great many parts of the country. The "booing" which has accompanied a great many decisions by officials should and must be eliminated. To that objective there should be an attempt to design uniform officials' signals so that spectator, player and coach will know the cause of the foul. Many times the spectator does not know what foul has been called, and "boos" what he considers to be a mistake. Coaches can aid materially with this question by their own behavior on the bench, and by aggressive methods in attacking the evil through the medium of the school papers and their sports rally talks.

TRANSPORTING OF OFFICIALS

For the first time during the past year there was a definite trend toward elimination of transported officials. Heretofore it has been customary for some coaches to bring an official from their particular section of the country when they played inter-sectional games. Uniform interpretations have made this absolutely unnecessary.

THE BALL

Colleges have quite generally preferred to play with the old type of basketball. No doubt it would be wise to agree upon a uniform ball, to eliminate the different types now so widely advertised.

PHYSICAL SET-UP

It is believed the coaches' association should make a recommendation concerning baskets (especially with respect to the various types of rims now used) and nets. Naturally, the glass backboard is not important. The present size seems to be pretty generally accepted as being correct. However, there have been some suggestions that the basket might be raised another six inches on the board, to allow for more "banking" space.

GOAL TENDING

Dr. Forrest Allen has been promoting the twelve foot basket for some time because of the ability of some tall players to deflect the flight of the ball, so that a basket from the field could not be scored. The majority of the members of the committee did not favor elevation of the basket. Most of them are in accord with the rule which will be proposed under Recommendations.

RE COMMENDATIONS

1. Game to consist of four periods instead of two, following the high school precedent.

The committee is in favor of playing the game in four periods of ten minutes each. Elimination of the center jump has increased the mental and physical fatigue of the players. In the past year the addition of the extra time out was of considerable assistance. However, not all teams used their quota of time outs, and it is the belief of the committee that this forced intermission of two minutes duration during each half would provide relaxation for spectators, players, and in a lighter vein, coaches.

2. Intentional Foul. Dissatisfaction has been expressed with respect to the present penalty for the intentional foul. During the last A.A.U. tournament in Denver, five intentional fouls were made by one of the teams during the last two minutes of play, in an attempt to secure possession of the ball and come from behind to win. The committee believes that an intentional foul should be penalized by one free throw, time to be out during the play, and the ball to be awarded the offended team in their front court, following the foul whether made or not. (Or option of declining foul)

3. Three Second Rule. It is the general consensus of all the committee that the three second ruling should apply only after a player in the land or free throw circle has the ball in his possession.

4. Goal Tending. It is believed that goal tending would be eliminated if the team whose player touched the ball in its downward flight following a shot, before the ball has hit the backboard or the rim of the basket, be penalized by awarding the goal to the opposing team.

5. Uniform Signals for Officials. Uniform signals for officials would assist spectators, scorers, players and coaches in recognizing the cause of the foul. This would eliminate considerable "crabbing" by the players, and provide information for the spectators which would add to their enjoyment of the game, and possibly aid in eliminating "booing".

6. Ten Second Rule. The committee that the ten second Rule has lost its importance in present day basketball, because of the aggressive styles of defense now employed. Teams who desire to stall can do so in the front courts as effectively as formerly in the back court. The committee realizes it would be difficult to eliminate this rule, but feels it is a ruling that modern basketball has outgrown. It has been suggested that some solution might be found in employment of the rule during the last five minutes of the game only.

*** *** *** ***

The above may not be a large contribution, as compared to the many changes proposed in previous years. However, we should like to accede to the demand by coaches from all parts of the country that we "leave the rules alone and catch up to the new game".

Respectfully submitted,
CLAIR F. BEE
Chairman

The chief purpose of the Visualization Committee is to bring before the coaches of our association, through the medium of the motion picture, a detailed analysis of the various styles of offensive and defensive technique used by leading authorities in the sport together with any definite problems arising in the sport throughout the playing season. It is extremely gratifying to report that few complaints reached the attention of the members of our committee with the possible exception of the under-the-basket defensive tactics of Mike Novak, center man on the Loyola University varsity basketball team. Mr. Clair Bee, chairman of our rules committee, and our committee were ready to prepare a film to clarify any such problems. However, in view of the fact, that our convention date came so soon after the final invitational tournament held in Madison Square Garden the best we could do to cooperate with him was to solicit the cooperation of Mr. Ned Irish, the basketball director of Madison Square Garden to take a photograph of the final game. Fortunately Mike Novak played in the final game between Loyola and L. I. U. and we were in a position to record his movements in this contest. It is only fitting at this time, that the chairman of the visualization committee request the President of our organization that he write a letter of thanks to Mr. Irish for the trouble and expense he has gone to in preparing this film. Also, Mr. Leslie Winik of N. Y. U. has prepared a film entitled "COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1939" showing excerpts of a number of college games played in Madison Square Garden this winter. This picture, the final game of the invitational tournament, and others brought here by our committee members will round out an interesting motion picture program. We are quite certain that you will find them entertaining, educational and instructive.

I should also like to report at this time the business transactions our association had with the Agfa Ansco Film Corporation of New York City with regard to the motion picture entitled "College Basketball" they put out for us last season. You will recall that this picture was produced as a result of the many pictures sent to me from our fellow coaches throughout the country and then assembled into one large picture of 1400 feet, being sold at a net price of \$57.50 destination. The sales on this picture were rather disappointing and for that reason, the committee decided to discontinue this project for the time being. However, a detailed report of the various sales made is attached herewith. As chief distributors of this picture our association was entitled to the maximum discount of 33 1/3%. A check in the amount of \$93.31 covers the Film Corporation's indebtedness to us, after deducting postage and mimeographing costs.

Last, if I had the time, I would be more critical than I feel at liberty to be, in commenting upon the appalling obtuseness many teachers have toward the use of visual aids. In a changing game which moves with ever accelerated tempo, coaches, players, officials and spectators alike can learn the various techniques employed by our leaders in the field to a degree they could never experience through textbooks alone. With few exceptions, every team that came to Madison Square Garden to participate in the schedule had

their games recorded. Athletics directors have approved of such expenditures recognizing their value as teaching aids.

The committee sincerely hopes that teachers of the game are making every effort not only to take pictures of their games but also obtaining the proper equipment which will enable them to build a sports library in their chosen sport. This past season, to be more specific, we at City College purchased a first class projector and screen. This being the exclusive property of the Physical Education Department and used for the showing of pictures in the field of sports and personal hygiene lectures. To say that visual aids have helped immeasurably in getting our players to SEE the positive and negative approach to a team situation is to put it to you rather mildly. Definite arrangements have been made at the end of various practice sessions to screen actual game pictures where emphasis has been placed on offensive and defensive technique. Some players develop faster through practical demonstration. Others through auditory and visual aids. It is difficult to determine which one is more effective.

Many problems still remain between the coach and his greatest realization of the possibilities of the motion picture for the general advancement of the game.

1. The scarcity of film materials for instructional purposes. Few producers have bothered to focus on the sports market and as a result the films available do not meet the exacting demands of the coaching profession.

2. The lack of a proper sports distribution set up. This problem may be solved by an association of school sports film libraries, at least the sponsors hope that the problem will be met.

3. The problem of proper evaluation of present basketball material. This problem may be partially met by a school or Coaches Association sports library, but the problem is a large one and one which should be met both individually and collectively for the many coaches who are constantly seeking material in the field for instructional purposes.

4. The lack of adequate projection equipment. While there has been a great increase in the past two or three years in the use of projection equipment in schools, far too many schools remain without facilities. It is hoped that educators and especially those in the field of Physical Education covering varsity and intramural sports programs will soon realize with unanimity the importance of visual aids. Too many of our schools are living in the stage coach or magic lantern days of projection equipment. There seems to be a definite relationship between the availability of good basketball films for our teachers of the sport and the availability of equipment. Each is dependent upon the other for the proper measure of educational and social usefulness. Leaders in the field of education, leaders in the field of sport, leaders in the professional film industry should welcome new ideas and suggestions whereby the product, our game of basketball, can be improved and large audience needs at least be partially satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

NAT HOLMAN

College City of New York
Chairman

Your Committee on Officials has tried to discover where-
in officiating , as a whole, can be improved and has made a few
Recommendations which we think if followed will eventually improve
the caliber of officiating.

It seems that the big complaint from the spectators today
is that when the whistle is blown they can't tell from the
actions of the official just what infraction has been called.

In the letter sent out some time ago about setting up a
system of signals to be used by officials we were not criticiz-
ing any one official but the method of calling the foul. We think,
that if a system of signals could be worked out, that could be
universally adopted, that the spectators would be better satisfied.
At least, this has been proven in football

The Officials Committee would like to suggest that our
Association recommed that the Rules Committee work out a set of
signals that can be universally used.

We have a few suggestions in addition to this. We would
like to make another suggestion in regard to officials' fees. We
suggest that conferences have a rule, that the regular conference
fee be a maximum fee, that can be paid by any member of that par-
ticular conference. In other words, in non-conference games officials
can be paid as much but not more than the fees paid for a conference
game.

In some conferences this year the officials have been
working as teams, and from reports, this has been quite sucessful.
We recommend that more conferences try this system next year.

The last suggestion is that whenever possible officials
working in a particular conference have a school in the early part
of the season where they actually officiate under supervision and
receive criticism for their work.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. COWLES
Chairman

The membership committee is pleased to report a considerable measure of success in adding new members to the Association. Every college coach in the country has been contacted and many of the men in secondary schools. In the Fourth District alone over two hundred high school coaches were given information about and an opportunity to join the Association. Over a thousand letters were sent out by Committee members the country over urging the advantages of our banding together to make basketball a better game and to keep it in the hands of those most interested.

The delay in deciding the convention dates handicapped us somewhat in the final drive for membership and for attendance at this convention, but registrations indicate that we are to have one of the largest conventions to date.

Experience shows that personal contacts are the primary influences in interesting coaches to join associations and attend conventions. Hence any enthusiastic member becomes a salesman for the organization.

The two best promotional times are just as the season starts when every coach is interested in bulletins and information. Then at the season's end when they like to get together and pool their experiences and plan for the future.

From the membership standpoint the cooperation of every coach is needed to help make the bulletin a real news and educational agency. Our editor needs cooperation from every section in order to make the Bulletin indispensable to the Basketball Fraternity.

In every section, league, conference and college, our members should talk up the value of cooperative effort in building the future of our great game.

Two sections have this year more than doubled their membership and this has been partly due to the personal enthusiasm of those in the area already members.

The change in dues from straight \$5.00 to \$2.00 for those not able to attend the convention has helped keep our membership more stable. Formerly too often we found memberships being allowed to lapse where the members could not attend the convention.

More definite information concerning membership costs and privileges needs to be incorporated in next year's promotional literature.

The number of secondary school members is increasing and this represents a fine trend.

To those others who helped build up our membership and attendance the committee extends hearty thanks. To the members of my committee I am particularly in debt. They were consistently pushing membership and urging the value of cooperative effort.

Undoubtedly the opportunity to see such fine basketball tournaments as are being conducted in Chicago this week has aided in making this gathering one of the largest in the history of our Association. Earlier knowledge concerning these activities would have borne fruit in still larger attendance.

We hope to give to the editor of the Bulletin for his first issue an analysis of our membership in terms of location and continuity which will help in the promotional efforts of the new committee.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J HICKOX
Chairman.

1. Mr. Hickox stated that according to our constitution, membership for all classes shall be two dollars. Anyone belonging to the organization, except the honorary members, like the newspaper men and some others, is charged two dollars. In case of attendance at the convention, those people who, by the constitution, are eligible for active membership, are charged an additional three dollars. That is for convention fee. If you had stayed at home, your bill would have been two dollars for membership. When you come here, you paid three dollars for the opportunity to talk and vote.

2. Mr. R.F. Williams, University of Iowa gave a short report as chairman of the Press committee. He said "Upon my appointment a year ago I contacted the various press associations, the International News Service, Associated Press and the United Press and they were very glad to cooperate with the Press Committee throughout the year. Immediately following that I wrote a number of letters to coaches throughout the country asking them to submit material to be published, and the response was not very good. I received very few articles from the coaches, but those I did receive I submitted to these different press associations, and some of these were printed. You fellows have read the newspapers and know what was printed about basketball this year.

3. Mr. George Edwards, University of Missouri had printed the new constitution which is included with this bulletin. George always does a swell job and all of us appreciate his efforts for the benefit of basketball.

4. Mr. Edwards explained that in this new printed constitution, Article 3, dealing with membership, Section 2 reads as follows "Coaches from institutions which offer a four year Baccalaureate degree and who are actively engaged in the professional basketball coaching, shall be eligible for active membership" If you analyze that you will see that we changed only the first part of the sentence, making it read so that coaches in schools not allied with the National collegiate may become active members in our association. There is no difference in fees, as explained to you by Mr. Hickox. This recommendation was passed, Mr. Edwards had the help of Ed Hickox, Nat Holman in offering this substitute.

5. Discussions on the Tournament Committee report:

a. Mr. Bruce Drake, University of Oklahoma, brought up the time missed in college by the players. He suggested that the regional tournament be brought closer to the finals, so as to eliminate a lot of travel for both teams.

b. Mr. Bunn stated the final game would be held March 30, 1940 with the final game in Chicago or Kansas City. The place of the western and eastern tournaments had not been set.

c. Mr. Allen mentioned that in the tournaments if the N.C.A.A. got twenty per cent, the Olympic fund got twenty per cent, the coaches got five per cent, that would be forty-five per cent; then the fifty-five per cent would be split equally between the two winning teams. If in a regional play-off, after those percentages were deducted, the net would be divided, and the same in the play-off in the district. If four teams were in the district the National Collegiate would get twenty per cent, and each of those competing teams would receive twenty percent.

d. Mr. Edwards asked why not have four teams in the final to create interest.

6. It was moved by George Edwards, and seconded by Val Lentz, that the incoming President and Board of Executives make application for affiliation with the N.C.A.A. - Carried unanimously

7. Discussion on Rules committee report - Clair Bee - Chairman.

a. Game to consist of four ten minute periods. No discussion.

Mr. Read recommended game in two halves - Passed.

b. The Intentional Foul with a few minutes to play - Much discussion by Bee, Norgren, Drake, Edwards, Keogan, Olsen, Bunn, Holman; Pres. Chandler. Stays in book at present - Motion lost.

Motion by Val Lentz that the team be given an option on any foul, personal foul, against the team committing the foul, and in case a basket is made, the basket should count, and the option to take place thereon, the ball to be given to the offending team, out of bounds. Mr. Hanson seconded this motion. Discussion by Lentz, Bee, Edwards, Read, Ferguson - Mr. Bunn suggested that the captain decide whether he wants the free throw or not. Mr. Lentz accepted this - Motion put to a vote and carried. More discussion on two personal fouls and in case of a two free throws the captain can shoot one and decline the other - Passed unanimously.

c. The three second rule should apply only after a player, in the free throw circle, has the ball in his possession, and not before - Discussion by Cobalan - Passed unanimously.

d. Goal tending - Discussion by Sabo, Bee, Holman, Drake as regards big Novack of Loyola knocking ball down about to hit basket. Also by Sam Barry who, thinks game needs big men. Motion withdrawn.

e. Ten second rule. No discussion - Left as is in book - Carried.

f. Signals for officials - Left to the secretary.

g. Recommendation by Val Lentz that we go on record as recommending to the rules committee the standardization of ball, baskets and backboards. Mr. Bee suggested nets and that was put into the motion - Discussion by Edmundson, Edwards, Bee, Norgren, Read; Holman - Motion seconded by Hanson. Mr. Bunn asked about the net which was rather specific he said - Motion carried.

h. Four foot extension. Moved by Edwards that we adopt the four foot extension. Drake seconded the motion. Remarks by Norgren, Edwards, Lentz, Drake. Bee - Motion carried.

8. Mr. Burnett the Manager of the Sherman Hotel, presented the president of our association Mr. Chandler with a gavel. We hope Chandler will find several uses for it around his home.

9. Mr. Bee suggested that we send some expression of condolence from this group to the family of Mr. Usilton, deceased coach of Temple University - Passed.

10. Mr. Chandler then passed over the presidency to Mr. Grover and the latter expressed his appreciation of the honor.

News Cont'd.

Mr. George Evans, DeKalb Teachers College did a fine job in his financial arrangement of the display of the sporting goods at our convention. He made an agreement with the Secretary of the Manufactures association to handle this sporting goods display. He charged these companies each fifty dollars for a booth. Five companies displayed their wares. He arranged with the Association to split fifty-fifty on the total income and he would pay the expenses out of his fifty per cent so we received \$125.00 and added to our treasury. Mr. Evans urged all present to talk to the sporting goods men and the coaches interested, the exchequer would be increased next year.

NOTE:

The report of the Rules Recommendation Committee and their discussion are repented in this bulletin, since all members seem to be interested in this discussion.

Naismith's original basketball was played before the big game (Oregon State Vs Ohio State for the N.C.A.A. Basketball Championship.) Twelve players on each side - whites and purples. Then the players were cut to nine and finally five. Official threw ball up from the side. The twelve men on a side played five minutes, whites winning 4 - 0, and only two personal fouls were called although it was a mad scramble.

Nine men played five minutes and the score was whites 9 - purple 0. Four purple baskets went in and then came out. What a kick would go up now.

The game concluded with five men on a team.

As a novelty the game was fine, for anyone could see that twelve and then nine players were too many on the floor.

NOTES ON OREGON - OHIO STATE GAME.

1. Oregon was a big team, the guards being the smallest players.
2. Oregon used a fast dribble with its two small guards Capt. Robert Anet and Wally Johansen dribbling through the entire Ohio team with great speed, skill and agility.
3. Ohio used a man to man defense - Oregon a kind of shifting zone.
4. The two Oregon guards were brilliant floor workers and set up many plays.
5. Dick Gale and Wintermute of Oregon were big boys and they could pass very good.
6. Ohio State could not seem to penetrate a zone defense and therefore had to shoot long.
7. Jim Hill, leading scorer of the Big Ten, made five baskets. Three of these were the sensational type, pretty close in and thrown one hand.
8. Ohio State started the second half with a bang and with two baskets by Hill came to within one point of Oregon, but Wintermute, Gale, Anet and Dick shot four baskets very quickly putting the score 29 - 20.
9. Both teams passed wildly at times, but the passes were hurried.
10. About 200 Basketball Coaches attended the game and were pleased with the reception given at Northwestern.
11. Nels Nordgren did a fine job in piloting the out-of-town coaches to the game.
12. Final score Oregon State 46 - Ohio State 33.

DIAGRAM OHIO - OREGON STATE GAME.

Your Editor assisted by Val Lentz and Peterson, diagramed the shots taken in the Ohio - Oregon State basketball game. Thinking the diagrams might be of interest to our coaches, we are including them in this bulletin.

Also we put down the out of bound balls and tossed balls.

Key:-

O - Oregon State

S - Ohio State

T - Tossed balls

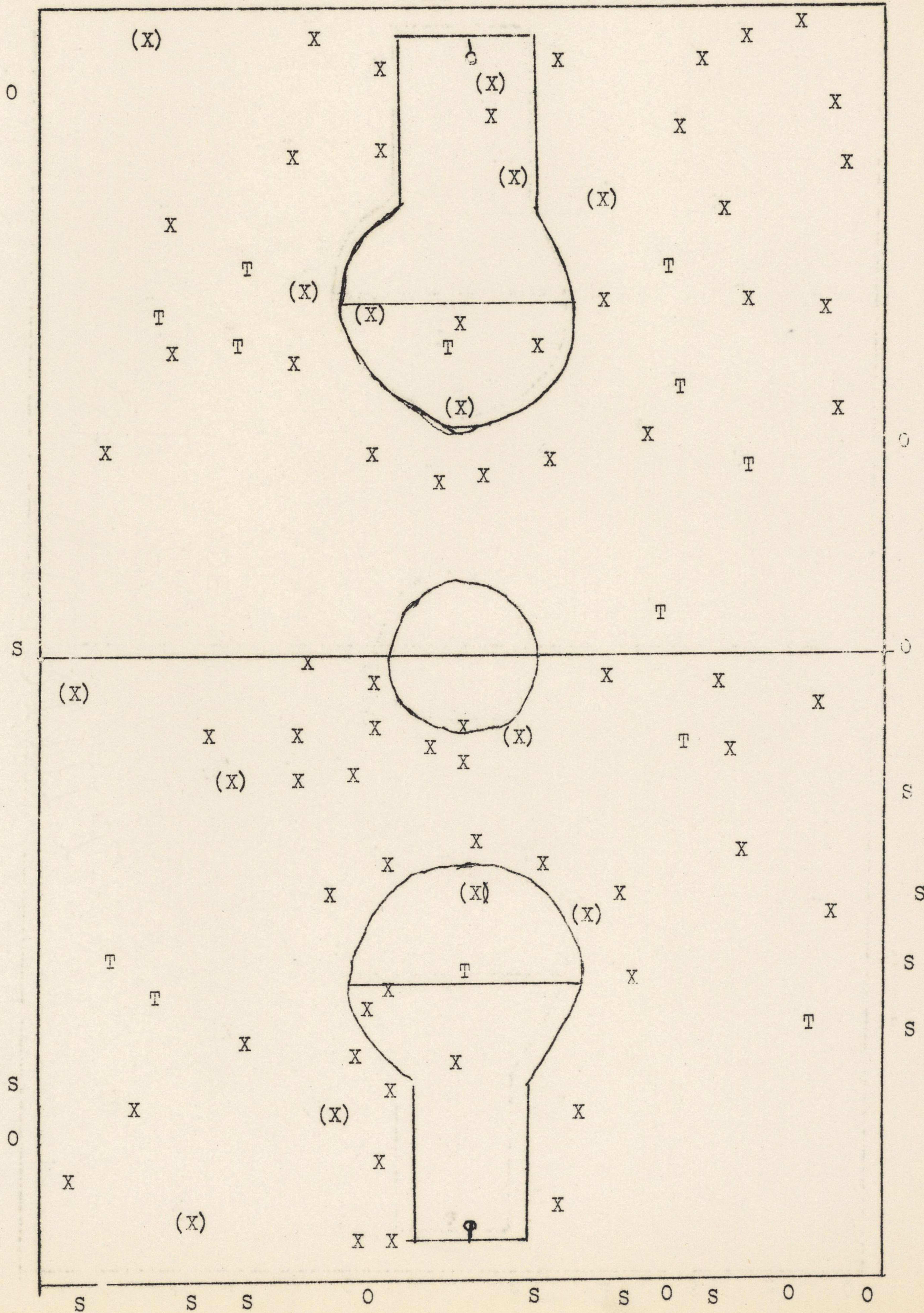
(X) - Baskets made from floor.

Frank W. Keaney
Editor.

S S O S

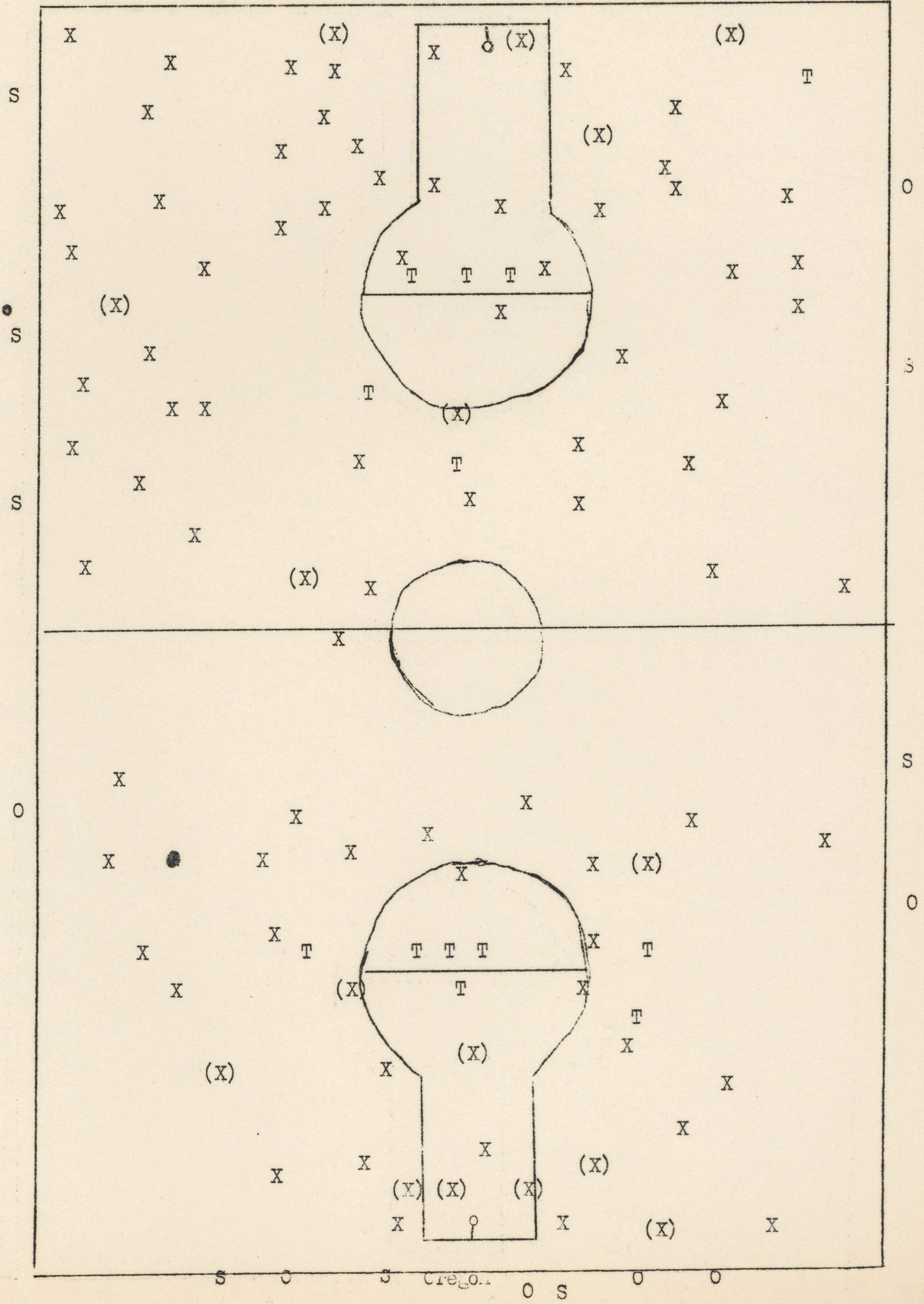
S S O O

Oregon



2nd Half

S O S S S Ohio O

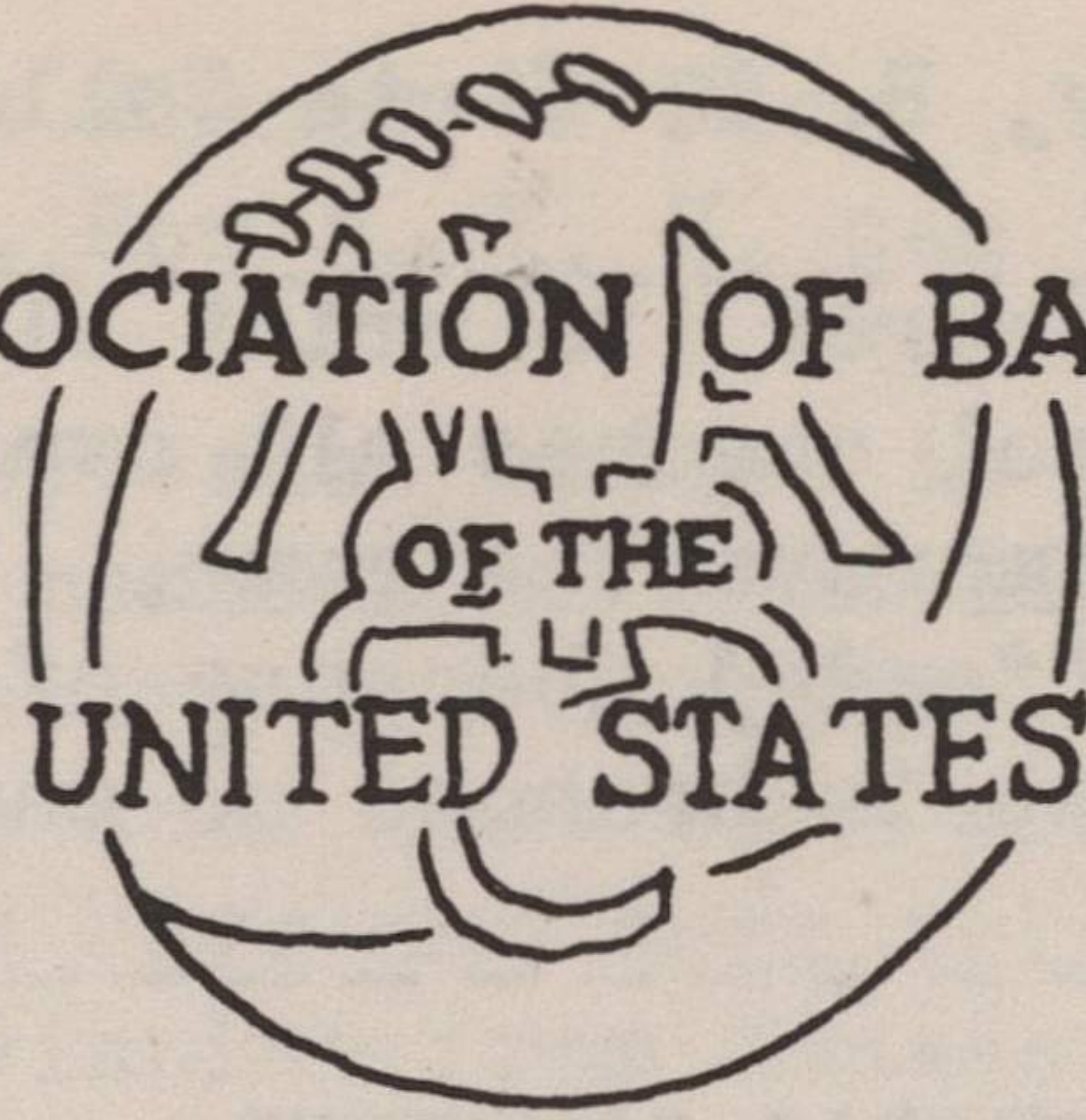


NELSON NORGREN, University of Chicago
First Vice-President

NAT. HOLMAN, City College, New York
President

E. A. KELLEHER, Fordham University
Second Vice-President

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES



W. H. BROWNE, University of Nebraska
Secretary-Treasurer



W. H. BROWNE
Secretary-Treasurer

EDITOR-----Frank W. Keaney, R. I. State College, Kingston, R. I.

The Editor will be very eager to print all material that will be of interest to college and high school coaches all over the country, and especially such contributions which will improve the game. If, for any reason, any section of the country has been offended because of the absence of copy relative to basketball in that sector, it is because no material was submitted.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

There is absolutely nothing wrong with basketball ---- contrary to what some would want us to believe. The rules need no change; the attendance is increasing everywhere. More boys are playing the game Madison Square Garden has averaged 16,000 for its first several double headers ... Butler Field House, in Indianapolis, had 9000 at a recent contest ... Dave McMillan says that in by-gone days the officials were homers, that there were no rules - only home rules; that in 18 games only one foul was called, and that for kicking the ball; that, in one game his Minnesota team played in this year, a substitute to be recognized by the scorer had to have his sweat suit removed; that, as long as officials are honest and consistent, it is satisfactory to him.

In the Big Ten, the officials receive \$50 per game and liberal expenses ... In New England, the officials receive \$12 per game and 12¢ per mile, one way ... It seems from this comparison that officials in the Northeastern States should receive more money ... Buster Brannon says that football in Texas hurts basketball ... That basketball in the southwest is increasing all around and that in the North the officiating is looser than in the South...

Dr. Allen of Kansas says that he and George Edwards, of Missouri, checked their freshman class and found everyone to have played basketball at some time ... Why should we want a perfect ball, says Dr. Allen? A baseball is not perfect; therefore, why use the so-called rubber ball? Dr. Allen wonders whether we, as coaches, appreciate what St. John and Tower have done for basketball ... Dr. Allen says that the rectangular board was first used to keep spectators away, rather than to help players and that the new fan-shape backboard helps spectators see the game...

Iba of Oklahoma A. & M. says that 40% of his offense was out because of Eastern interpretation of rules The West was amazed when the "Phillips Oilers" were held to 30 points in Madison Square Garden, since their rooters averred that they couldn't be held to less than 60 points per game ... Paul Mooney of Columbus says that we need a Judge Landis for our officiating troubles ... Toby, the old New York official, says that no one ever told the officials what to do on the floor ... Those officials at the Madison Square Garden "clinic" gave very fine interpretations of the various troublesome rules ... Your Editor cannot see any difference with officiating in any parts of the country, judging from games he's seen ... New York University has a great team and no wonder --- Cann smokes a big "stoogie" at all times ... Against Minnesota, Auerbach and Kaplowich were two great guards and those forwards, Stevens and Sazar, can play on most any team ... Cohalan certainly has a scrappy team at Manhattan ... In their game against Illinois, they lacked the height but not the courage and fight ... Santa Clara is a well rounded team with fine team-work ... It will take a great team to beat Santa Clara ... Minnesota will be no set-up for any of the BIG TEN teams and they should finish in the first four ... In Carlson, they have a great shooter, passer and dribbler ... Engleman of the University of Kansas is a fine player and his 1-hand shots are hard to stop ... Clair Bee is still the old pepper box, although he

lost his appendix. Clair likes Kinney of Rice ... Nat Holman is a past master in teaching the art of passing ... How N. Y. U. can take the ball off both boards!

Why do we say that a set-shot basket is a cheap basket? Is this not a skillful play? The different methods of coaching defense and offense make this game of basketball very interesting ... Williams, of Stanford, must be quite a forward and Dandsus of the same team must be a great guard ... Joe Lopchich, of St. John's, certainly loves his boys and they think a lot of him. Coach Kelleher of Fordham did a great job in winning from Kansas ... His team looked swell with great passing and shooting .. Illinois has a fine team and it should be right up there in the BIG TEN. They are flawless in foul shooting with 18 straight, for a new Garden record ... Ned Irish is a busy man at all games, practices and clinics, ready and willing to take care of all problems and what a wonderful job he does! Pat Kennedy is a colorful official and very individual ... Speaking of fine forwards, how about McCreery of Indiana? How about Menke of Indiana and Kenney of St. Joseph's? University of Maine has the finest basketball arena in all New England ... Coaches of college teams who have sons on their own teams are Chandler of Marquette; Phog Allen, of Kansas; of Wooster; and Keaney of Rhode Island .. Chandler calls it a headache...

Two coaches want to know why the long pass is not used more in basketball. Answer: it is the one of the most difficult passes to make. It is thrown wild too often and is easy to intercept.

The best defensive team seen by us in years was Stanford, under John Bunn ... Oklahoma A. & M. had a fine defensive team this year ... Angelo Luisetti's No. 7 jersey shall never be issued again. We all are glad to notice that George Keogan is back with his team ... One "Hoosier Hawk" says that any coach would have heart failure without a first class center, no replacements at guard who can control the backboards.

BASKETBALL STAR SAVES TWO FROM DROWNING

William Harrison, a forward on the basketball team of Villa Grove, Ill., high school, isn't the team's most brilliant player.

He doesn't have the flair for high scoring honors. He's just the plodding type, the never-say-die kind who sticks with the ship even when the water is over the deck. In short, he's an athlete with plenty of heart.

His team was ready to play Bement, in a conference game, and William was hurrying home for a light supper when he saw two little fellows on the railroad reservoir ice. One broke through and the other tried to save him. William hurried to the spot and threw one lad on the short and plunged in for the one who was sinking. The water was very deep and William's clothes were heavy. But he got the drowning boy out and after warming up at home went on to help his team beat Bement. The little fellows, not William, reported the near-tragedy.

"IRON MAN" CAGERS BEAT PHILLIPS

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 21, AP -- An "iron man" quintet from the University of Arkansas, playing without substitutions, smashed the powerful Phillips "66" Oilers from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, national AAU champions, 38 to 24, here tonight to keep its unbeaten record perfect.

SHOOTIN' 'EM and STOPPIN' 'EM

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.--The Big Ten Becomes Normal.

As long as Indiana and Purdue win, basketball in the Big Ten is pretty normal and normally pretty interesting. Rarely does Indiana or Purdue turn in an ordinary performance. If they lose, it's an upset. If they barely win, it's usually a breath-taker. And in providing something akin to a deluge the game isn't simply a runaway--it has a touch that sets it apart.

I presume Indiana's punitive expedition into the Champaign sector Saturday night might have been just another Hoosier team coming along to straighten out that matter of Purdue's loss to Illinois Monday night, but it wasn't. It was just plain Menke business with a Will to win.

Doug Mills, coach at Illinois and the Dick Metz of the Big Ten coaching brigade, extended a firm hand in greeting Branch McCracken Saturday night, and more than 7,000 fans jammed the Illinois gym. Without benefit of backboards Bill Menke put away eleven field goals in fifteen shots and added two of three free throws to provide just half the Indiana total of 48 points. Illinois came along with 38 but no one paid much attention to that. Every one was watching the Menke business, which is produced with a strong right arm and a gentle push, a firm flip, a brisk whip or a delicate lay-in.

Standing on the steps leading up from the dressing room after the game Branch McCracken encountered some of the visiting reporters. While shaking hands with these gentlemen he was asking a question and passing out some free information. "Are you coming down Monday night?" -- was the question -- "Boy, those Wildcats are really tough, and that Clawson, whew--he's big and he knows how to handle himself--better come down." Mr. Clawson will be Mr. Menke's policeman tonight. That alone should pack 'em in.

Down the hall a piece Bob Zuppke was visiting with a few friends. Zuppke was a member of Shootin' 'Em's Wonder Five this year. "Now, that's the kind of basketball we used to play," said Zup. "Why, when I tried to tell 'em around here many, many years ago -- you know I coached basketball around here, after a fashion, for eight years -- when I showed that one-hand shot they gave me the berries They thought I was crazy." And then Zup branched off into football with Jack Ryan and Dick Gordon, of the Chicago Daily News, so we moved on. Ryan did say it was a shame Menke had to play with a broken right hand, and that this must have been a tremendous handicap. Bill did have his shooting hand taped, and we confided to Mr. Ryan that there's a secret about that, too. Mr. Ryan then put that all-knowing expression on his face, so we gave up.

The Indiana boys were around shaking hands with their folks--a lot of parents were around--and the big crowd gradually moved over to the ice rink, where Minnesota was playing Illinois the second game of week-end series. Zup's talk about one-handed shooting came up again, and Vic Rensberger contributed some facts on the case. In this game at Champaign Illinois took 44-one-handed shots and 27 two handed shots. Four one-handers and eight two-handers went in. Indiana took 32 one-handed shots, and 13 of these went in. They took 24 two-handers and only six of these were good. Now this Indiana one-handed shooting, of course, was dominated by Bill Menke's eleven successful attempts. Bill throws the ball into the hoop. He rarely uses the backboard. His shots are hard to stop. He may miss it but it will be extremely difficult for any one to keep him from taking them. He is as definitely a righthander as was Christy Mathewson. His fancy pivoting, how-

Shootin' 'Em and Stoppin' 'Em (continued from p. 4)

ever, is enough to make a guard think he is shooting with any one of a half-dozen hands. If Clawson guards him tonight, Bill will give up much weight. And Clawson by the way, was Northwestern's high-point man in that 46-to-40 loss to Ohio State.

Illinois was the only home team that lost Saturday night. This was a game of fouls, too, and Indiana was penalized twenty-two times. Illinois, sixteen.--- Zimmer and Armstrong had three personals each after seven minutes. A minute later Sachs, of Illinois, had three. Indiana's reserve strength was much superior to Illinois's.

Piggy Lambert used seven little Piggies to defeat Michigan's Mandler and Co. This was a 41-to-40 affair, tied at the half at 18 points. In the end each team had sixteen field goals, Don Blanken being a point ahead of Mandler with three buckets and eight free ones. Mandler hit six times from the field. They called sixteen personals on Michigan, twelve on Purdue. Sofiak and Brogan with 4 field goals each were Mandler's first assistants.

Tonight Piggy's Boys are up in Wisconsin. The Badgers broke Iowa's seven-game streak with a 49-to-35 triumph in Madison. A young man named Englund, labeled a threat long before the season started, lived up to press notices. He scored eight times from the field and twice from the foul line. He also fouled out of the game, which undoubtedly held down his offense to some extent. He may have been guarded a little closer than Menke was in Champaign, too. Menke was fouled only twice. A man who scores as much as Bill did isn't too carefully guarded, but to keep him from hitting it may be necessary to foul him when he's shooting and he's worse than Menke business at the free throw line.

Purdue scoring is scattered all around, and it will be more so as the season progresses. Forrest Sprowl got four buckets; Igney, three; Blanken, three; Blemker, three; Caress, two; and Hoffman, one in the Michigan game. Over at Illinois they said Purdue couldn't stand the second-half pace set by the Millsmen, so it may be that Piggy hasn't been bearing down too much too early. Now that Wisconsin has created a stir by defeating Iowa, tonight's game becomes more important.

* * * *

SPOTS From Coach McCracken's Indiana

The Indiana High School Athletic Association will print for sale -- 18,883 tickets for the finals of the state basketball tourney. The tickets sell for -- \$1.25, and the IHSAA could dispose of perhaps 50,000 if it had the capacity at the Butler University fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Indiana's 1940 high school basketball all-staters are well divided among state colleges. Allen Menke, brother of Bill and Bob Menke, Indiana seniors this year, and James Laughner, of Frankfort, are at Purdue University; William Percy, of Martinsville, is at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, where his brother George is a regular forward; and Roy Kilby, of Burriss, Muncie, and Ralph Hamilton, South Side, Fort Wayne, are at Indiana University.

Coach Lou Birkett's Hammond Tech team, winner of the 1940 Indiana state high school championship, is undefeated at the halfway mark in the 1941 season. With the entire championship squad back, Tech is again the favorite.

OKLAHOMA A. & M. COACH OFFERS FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Joseph M. Sheehan

NEW YORK TIMES, Dec. 17, 1940.....

Basketball's oratorical season opened with a flourish -- and on an entirely new note -- at the initial speech-making session of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers at the Hotel Lincoln yesterday. The local coaches eschewed pleasantries and dispensed solid information for once, while a visitor, Henry Iba, of Oklahoma A. and M. supplied fireworks with a novel twist.

With refreshing frankness, the man whose team took the measure of City College's touted quintet last Saturday night told the scribes and his conferees that the men who teach basketball throughout the country were placing the future of the sport in jeopardy by unreasonable and uncalled-for "beefing" following a defeat.

"Basketball is too fine a game to be ruined by insignificant alibies," Iba declared. "Too often a losing coach places the blame on traveling conditions, smoke-filled arenas, sectional rules interpretations, officiating and what-not. We coaches should take hold of ourselves, concentrate on teaching what we know to our boys and forget about the alibies. They mean nothing and are certain to hurt the game."

If Iba had any one in particular in mind, he kept his thoughts well guarded. However, there is much to his thesis. At the same time the mentor of the Aggies emphasized the increasing difficulties of coaching on the major circuit. "We are up against the same problem as the football coaches had to face four years ago when the five-man defensive line came into general use," Iba said.

"We've run into seven different defenses in the last two years," he continued. "They're all variations of the zone and man-to-man, but each has to be met by different offensive tactics. It's getting so that basketball is the hardest course a boy takes in college and a coach has to devote more time to mapping a practice than a professor does in planning a lecture."

These last remarks by Iba agreed perfectly with an independent contribution, received by this department in yesterday's mail and herewith acknowledged, entitled "A Selected Bibliography on Basketball", compiled by Nat Holman, Assistant Professor, Department of Hygiene and Director of Basketball, the City College of New York."

This formidable mimeographed brochure, organized into twenty chapters treating on different phases of the game, presents a complete list of reference works on basketball--including books, magazine and newspaper articles, doctors' dissertations and motion picture films--numbering 379 in all.

EASTERN COLLEGE FIVES TO VIE FOR SILVER CUP

PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 17, AP--A silver cup has been presented to the Eastern Intercollegiate League as a trophy for the league championship, a committee of the Class of '28 of the University of Pennsylvania announced tonight.

The cup is in memory of the late Eugene J. Connell, who captained the 1928 Red and Blue championship quintet.

(continued on p. 7)

DAVE WALSH GRADUALLY RETIRING
By Everett B. Morris

NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE, Jan. 3, 1941-----

Davis H. (Dave, to you) Walsh, the Hoboken schoolmaster who has been blowing whistles on Eastern basketball courts for more years than he will tell you, is gradually retiring from active officiating to devote more of his time to the post of associate director of the recently formed Collegiate Basketball Officials' Bureau.

When Dave accepted the supervising job with Asa Bushnell's agency, it was anticipated that he could combine it with a reasonably full officiating schedule, so he booked his quota of Eastern League games and took on assignments for a number of others in the New York and Philadelphia districts.

As things worked out, though, it became evident that Dave had taken on too large a burden. After all, even a basketball official has to sleep some time. The bureau, instead of assigning officials for the ten colleges which were its founders last spring, found itself working for more than a dozen others and steadily increasing its list of registered officials.

An announcement by Bushnell yesterday explained the situation thus: "Walsh has been released from engagements to handle games this season for most of the colleges in the New York-Pennsylvania area in order that he may have more time to devote to the training of younger officials and to the promotion of the bureau's efforts to standardize officiating technique and mechanics and to bring greater uniformity into the interpretation of the rules.

"Nevertheless, he will continue, throughout the present season only, to officiate in games of the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League; this exception is being made because the league's staff of referees and umpires for this year's service was made up many months ago and does not include ready replacements."

Walsh and the other associate director, Ellwood A. Geiges, of Philadelphia, have their work cut out for them in trying to carry out the bureau's aims. If it is any consolation to them, though, the college coaches are as one in hoping that they eventually succeed in taking the phobias and inconsistencies out of officiating in the bureau's territory. Then, perhaps, some progress can be made toward bringing different districts closer together.

Who knows? It may be that at some not too distant date, basketball will be officiated everywhere as uniformly as football. The millennium approaches!

Eastern College Fives to Vie for Silver Cup (continued from p. 6)

The new trophy must be won three times for permanent possession. It replaces the Columbia University trophy, which became the property of Dartmouth. The Indians won the league title in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

FAN SHAPE BACKBOARD GOOD

According to Dr. Phoggy Allen, the new fan-shaped backboards allow 55 per cent of spectators sitting behind the basket to see the goal, as made.

BASKETBALL TOPS AS SPECTATOR SPORT
By Dan Parker

NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR, December 17, 1940----

One of the amazing things about the strictly American game of basketball is that, although it has been the sport of the masses ever since its peach-basket beginning in Springfield, Mass., in 1891, its possibilities as a spectator sport were almost completely overlooked until recent years.

Invented as a "participent" sport to furnish an outlet for the excess energy of students at the Springfield Y.M.C.A. College during the winter months, it was treated as such for many years before a smart young sports writer named Ned Irish awakened the country to its latent possibilities as a gate attraction. Colleges have been building huge football stadia for decades. But the average college basketball court was built with little thought of providing room for spectators. Thus, if Irish hadn't proved by his Madison Square Garden experiment that basketball is a greater attraction than either hockey or boxing, college teams would probably still be playing all their games in stuffy gyms where only a few thousands at the most could be accommodated.

The great appeal of basketball lies in the fact that practically everyone in America has played it and, therefore, has more than a passing interest in it, not to mention more than a smattering of knowledge about its fine points. The same used to be true of baseball but there are so many forms of diversion for the growing boy nowadays that America's so-called "national pastime" no longer is played by every growing boy. Basketball leads all other American pastimes both as a spectator and as a participation sport. It is played in every hamlet in America and tops both football and baseball in annual paid attendance.

The last available figures on attendance at sports events were compiled in 1935 by Frank Menke. That year he estimated that 80,000,000 had attended basketball games in the United States, as compared with 60,000,000 for softball, 50,000,000 for baseball and 40,000,000 for football. Since then, basketball has experienced its biggest boom. It is doubtful, however, if any of the other leading sports except softball has shown an increase in attendance in the same period.

One of the reasons for the increased interest in basketball is that those who draw up the rules for the game have heeded the protests of the public against features which didn't appeal to them. The chief complaint about basketball was that there was too much whistle blowing. Almost every second, the game was stopped by the annoying toot of the official's flagiolet. The revision of the rules several years ago eliminated much of the cause for this complaint without radically changing the fundamental points of the game. In fact Dr. Jas. A. Naismith, who invented the sport, commented not long ago on the fact that 12 of the 13 original rules he drew up are still in the books. Hockey might take a hint from basketball by revising its rules to speed up the game and cut down the whistle tooting.

A factor that has made basketball popular is that it gives the studious, non-athletic type of kid a chance to shine at a competitive sport, whereas football and baseball would keep him forever a spectator. Basketball is rough enough not to be a sissy's game but not rough enough to cause injury to a frail youngster--unless he taxes his heart by over-indulgence in it. Speed and craftiness count more than strength in this sport.

Naturally the growth of basketball in New York has not been without its
(continued on page 9)

DR. ALLEN WANTS TO CHANGE RULES

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)--Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach and member of the national rules committee, today advocated a change in the rules to eliminate the wear and tear on players of high school age and younger.

Dr. Allen, speaking at a meeting of some 100 eastern cage coaches, officials and writers, pointed out that research by physicians and high school members of the rules body showed that the game had become too fast for adolescent boys.

"I understand Floyd A. Rowe, of Cleveland, chairman of the committee, has figures to show that the game as played today has shortened the stature of boys from two to four inches," said the veteran coach, whose teams have won 23 conference titles in 30 years.

For boys under 19, Phog said he would either revive the center jump with the players rotating at the pivot position after each goal, or allow ten seconds after each basket with the officials putting the ball in play out-of-bounds at mid-court rather than beneath the basket.

Dr. Allen, along with Dave MacMillan of Minnesota, Buster Brannon of Rice and Arthur Eilers, commissioner of the Missouri valley from Washington University also advocated uniform interpretation of the rules.

MacMillan, professional star when the game was young, took a crack at coaches for teaching "illegal" basketball.

"If the rules were read the same throughout the country, there would be no argument when a screen becomes a block, or such minor items as to whether a player can report before he has doffed his sweat suit," he said.

Allen said what basketball, as well as all other college sports need, is commissioners with the power that Edwin Atherton has in the Pacific Coast Conference.

Basketball Tops as Spectator Sport (continued from p. 8)

share of evils. Gamblers go where the crowds go and when big money is involved they don't stop to consider the fact that they are dealing not with professional athletes but with young college boys. There has been several incidents which might have killed Garden basketball and set the college boys back to their stuffy gyms had the fact come out. Of course, the way to thwart the gamblers is to treat them as enemies and drive them out of the Garden. Otherwise, incidents may develop again which will not be hushed up so easily.

It would be a tragedy for anything like that to happen, after Promoter Irish has worked so hard to build up this monument to his enterprise and genius.

PANZER'S 44-GAME STREAK BROKEN

Some three years ago, little Panzer College, of East Orange, N. J., lost to Long Island University, while the latter was rolling up its 43-game winning streak. Since that time, Panzer won 44 straight games, probably a college record. Like all good things, this success ended January 4, when John Marshall beat Panzer 43-40.

BASKETBALL FROM ALL ANGLES

By Joseph M. Sheehan

NEW YORK TIMES, Jan. 7, 1940 ---

Notwithstanding an apparent trend to the offense in the game, most of the conversation at yesterday's luncheon of the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association at the Hotel Lincoln was devoted to defense.

Dave Walsh, veteran official, made the prevalent neglect of this phase of play the central theme of his discourse on "What's Wrong with Basketball." On the other hand, Honey Russell, Seton Hall coach, asserted that his emphasis on defense was a contributing factor to the New Jersey team's 32-game winning streak.

No longer an active whistle-blower in his capacity as associate director (to Asa Bushnell) of the College Basketball Officials Bureau, Walsh pointed out that "the value of a basket has been cheapened" because of the reluctance of the defensive side to come and get the ball.

"In any game where a ball is involved the ball has value," Walsh maintained. "With the ten-second rule the defensive team no longer makes a play for it, but packs in around its basket and waits for the attacking side to bring it down the floor. As a result basketball is being played on less than half the court.

"With possession reverting to the defensive side after a successful shot, the tendency is to give the offense all the time it wants for "picture shots" from way out and concentrate on retrieving the ball. As I see it, this is bad for the game, and I'm not speaking from the official's point of view, for it means more work when there is aggressive guarding all over the court."

At the same time Walsh hailed the progress made in this sector in attaining uniform interpretation of troublesome plays. "Our officials now are absolutely consistent in their decisions," he stated. "We are sticking to the rule book 100 per cent, and no Eastern or visiting team will have the slightest difficulty if it does likewise."

In analyzing the success of his Seton Hall team Russell said that one of his "few fixed ideas on basketball" was that "defense is paramount." "The fewer points the other team makes the fewer you have to get," he declared. "We emphasize defense all the time, and now and then use what I call a 'Blitzkrieg' defense, in which we guard all over the court."

Material in such quantity that he is able to use two and even three distinct teams on an alternate basis was willingly admitted by Russell as another factor at East Orange, N. J. "And then our players aren't so smart that they think they don't have to drive and run to win," Honey added.

Howard Cann, in telling "Why N. Y. U. clicks," also stressed the importance of condition and its manifestation in relentless moving and driving. "We go in for calisthenics, apparatus work and rope skipping to get our boys in shape," the Violet mentor said. "There's one mistake high school coaches make. They do a fine job technically, but they ought to pay more attention to developing their players physically."

(continued on page 11)

Basketball From All Angles (continued from p. 10)

Lon Jourdet of Pennsylvania, who predicted that Dartmouth, the champion, would find harder going in the Eastern League this year, with Princeton and Cornell as the leading threats; Clair Bee, who passed off L. I. U.'s defeat by Michigan State as "a natural let-down," and Albert Gorton of Panzer College completed the roster of speakers.

Gorton, invited because his team had won 44 straight games, was "left without much to say," after Panzer's defeat by John Marshall last Saturday. However, he pointed out that Panzer had made its remarkable record with (1) no athletic scholarships, (2) only 90 male students to draw from; (3) limited practice time and (4) a small gymnasium.

A BRUSH FOR PASSES

Clair Bee, L. I. U. basketball coach, has been trying to get his boys to make more liberal use of the bounce pass, with little success. He finally diagnosed their trouble as fear of getting their fingernails dirty after the ball has touched the floor, so he bought a little brush twelve inches long for them to clean their nails with after each game.

ILLNESS MAY FORCE KEOGAN TO RETIRE

NOTRE DAME, IND., Dec. 21--As a result of the recent physical examination which revealed a heart ailment, George E. Keogan said today he may relinquish his position as basketball coach at Notre Dame.

Keogan, now in his 18th season at the Irish camp, will go to Rochester, Minn., Wednesday for a complete examination at the Mayo Clinic and abide by the decision of the Mayo doctors, leaving his coaching job immediately if that procedure is recommended.

BLOOMINGTON EXCITED

BLOOMINGTON, IND., Indiana University Basketball fans were kept posted on the progress of the Hurryin' Hoosier netters during their recent tour of the Pacific coast and the South by means of special telegraphic play-by-play broadcasts of each game.

The broadcasts, held in a Bloomington cafe and sponsored by a group of merchants and basketball fans, are made possible by a leased wire from the city where each game is played to the kitchen of the establishment in which the temporary "broadcasting booth" has been placed.

Crowds of fans were lined out into the street for each report, and one Bloomington newspaper announced that calls for scores on each game number in the thousands and are being received until 3 o'clock the next morning.

JOHNNY MOIR

NOBLESVILLE, IND., Dec. 19--Johnny Moir, all-time All-American from Notre Dame and one of the greatest stars ever to don a basketball uniform, is now in the Akron Firestone line-up. Playing with Moir with Firestone, National League champions last season, will be Tommy Wukovitz and Paul DuCharme, of Notre Dame; Fred Beretta, of Purdue; Bob Hassmiller, of Fordham; and Jack Jennings, of Washington State.

ALL-STARS WIN BASKETBALL'S GREATEST GAME

By Leo Fischer

Chicago-Herald-American - Nov. 30, 1940

22,000 See Trotters Lose, 44-42. Crowd cheers for five minutes after thrilling Finish.

Sport history has a new and glamorous page today.

The greatest crowd that has ever seen a basketball game in the history of the sport - approximately 22,000 - today was still trying to get back to normalcy after probably the most thrilling, most spectacular battle in fifty years of basketball at the Chicago Stadium last night.

At the finish of an overtime period, the College All-Stars had won 44 to 42, and if there was any one in the vast expanse of the Stadium who retained anything resembling sanity, he certainly wasn't among the howling, shrieking mob that stood in its seats and refused to leave the place.

Five minutes after the game ended, they were still yelling - which may give you an idea of how successful The Herald-American's first annual All-Star basketball game turned out to be. They knew they were going to see something in the way of a spectacle - but even if one of Hollywood's most gifted scenario writers had written the script, he couldn't have come close to what actually happened before the sell-out crowd in that Stadium last night.

STARS TAKE LEAD.

At the end of the first quarter the All-Stars led the Harlem Globe trotters, world's pro-champs, 13-11, at the end of the first half the score was 20 to 20. At the end of the third period it was 30 to 30. With thirty seconds to play in the second half, it was 37 to 37. Then Ralph Vaughn, Southern California's great star, hooked a one-handed shot from the free throw line which apparently won for the All-Stars.

But as the crowd rose to cheer for his spectacular shot, "Sonny" Boswell of the Globetrotters let fly from the middle of the floor as the gun went off and it swished through to turn 22,000 customers into raving maniacs.

The overtime requires more adjectives than this veteran of several thousand basketball games has at his disposal. Boswell put the Globe Trotters ahead with a free throw, 40 to 39, Ralph Vaughn again broke loose with his left hand and popped one through to put the Stars in front, 41 to 40. Erwin Prasse sank a free throw to make it 42 to 40 with one minute to play. Then Lou Pressley again brought the crowd to its feet from one out in midfloor which tied it again at 42 to 42 - and if you think that this didn't send the crowd to delirium, just ask one of the hoarse-throated spectators.

TIE UP SCORE.

One minute to play and the score tied!

The All-Stars took the ball. Carefully they passed it beyond mid-floor, cautiously awaiting for the chance to shoot as the seconds ticked away. Then suddenly Stan Szukala - DePaul's captain last year and co-captain of the squad broke away at the right of the basket. He dribbled past the guards, shot under the hoop and caged a perfect two-pointer as he flew past. It was the winning basket, but the game wasn't over by any means.

Courageously the Globe Trotters fought back. Half a dozen shots missed by only the tiniest of margins as the crowd grew more and more frantic, and as the gun went off a foul was called on the All-Stars which might have cut their margin to one point -- but the Globe Trotters waived the throw.

Then came one of the most amazing spectacles that this writer has seen in many years of covering sports. The crowd just stood there and yelled. The game was over, the curtain had dropped on the final act on the most spectacular event in Stadium history, but they just stood there and cheered for fully five minutes while players congratulated each other. Coach Lonborg tried to become coherent once more and from one end of the Stadium to the other there echoed this sentiment: "Well, you'll never see anything like that again!"

AN ANNUAL EVENT

But you probably will. The Herald-American's All-Star Basketball Game is a permanent fixture in Chicago's sport picture and will be staged annually. Last night's capacity crowd gave this city the unusual record of having turned out the largest crowds in basketball, football, and boxing. Actual paid attendance was 20,583, with passes and officials bringing the total well up around 22,000. Every seat of the Stadium's largest set-up was filled with hundreds standing in the upper galleries and additional hundreds turned away for lack of room.

Everything on the program was spectacular and impressive. The pre-game ceremonies arranged by Harry Berz were patriotic in theme and beautifully executed. When John Pane-Gasser sang the Star Spangled Banner after the players on both teams had been introduced, it was something that stirred the hearts of those who realized what it meant to be a free American, a participant in a sport spectacle in which whites and Negroes mixed as sportsmen, with no worries about dictators, wars and "fifth columnists".

GAME OPENS SLOWLY

And now for the game itself. It opened slowly enough, with Irwin Passe of Iowa sinking two free throws to put the All-Stars in front at the start. Price caged a free throw to make it 2 to 1, but Bob Carpenter of East Texas Teachers sank the first of his six field goals to make it 6 to 1 after Vaughn had caged a hooker.

Ford's long basket (most of the Globe Trotter's shots were from far out) made it 6 to 3, but Carpenter again hooked a one-handed thriller to make it 8 to 3. Then he came back with another to make it 10 to 7 after Presseley and Price had scored for the pro champs. Presseley's basket, a step-in, made it 10 to 9, but Prasse sank a free throw and Bill Hapac connected with a brilliant l-hander to run the All-Star total to 13. Brown's long on made it 13 to 11 as a quarter ended.

The biggest lead by any team was rung up by the All-Stars as they started the second quarter with a new quintet, 18 to 12, but before they knew what was happening, Presseley made a free throw, Boswell caged a basket and two more penalty shots and Presseley tossed in another long one to make it 19 to 18 for the Globe Trotters. Bill McDonald's follow-up again put the All-Stars in front but Hillary Brown tied it with a free throw at 20-all as the half ended.

The Globe Trotters came out with the inspiration after the intermission, and accumulated their biggest lead, 30 to 25, on four baskets by Boswell and another by Price, with McDonald and Hapac scoring for the Stars from the field

(continued on p. 21)

SUPER-ULTRA CAGE BATTLE IS CLASSIC

By Warren Brown

CHICAGO HERALD-AMERICAN, Nov. 30, 1940----

Basketball's big league came to Chicago last night.

Basketball at its biggest, basketball at its best, basketball--as conquering Collegiate All-Stars and clever Harlem Globe Trotters played it that supplied, in this one man's opinion at least, the superlatively exciting competitive spectacle encountered along a well rounded sport line in more than a quarter of a century.

Small wonder, then, that basketball's greatest crowd in all history is all agog today, and can hardly wait for the renewal of this great spectacle, inaugurated by The Chicago HERALD-AMERICAN at the Chicago Stadium last night.

It left nothing to be desired, this show that began smoothly, took on an entertainment momentum that increased as the minutes ticked away, and finished with a sensational climax that left 20,853 fairly limp from contemplation of it all.

Elsewhere in these pages, you who were unlucky enough not to have been present as the game took its place among Chicago's and the nation's sporting fixtures, will get the glowing details of the things that Stan Szukala of DePaul, Erwin Prasse of Iowa, Ralph Vaughan of Southern California, Bill Hapac of Illinois, Bob Carpenter of Texas Teachers and all the other Collegiate heroes did, and how they did it. You will read of the Globe Trotters' Bernard Price, "Sonny" Boswell, Ted Strong and the other heroes of the world's professional champions.

We're going to be content to draw a picture -- inadequate as it will be-- of the pageantry, the excitement, the crowd.

Seems simple enough, doesn't it?

But where to begin -- will it be with that demonstration of more than 20,000 persons on their feet continuously in the final frantic minutes of play? Will it be that mass production of basketball for all, when at the half time, as the young legionnaires were beating drums and blowing bugles, while some beautiful young ladies from Lake View were twirling batons---down from the upper reaches of the vast Stadium descended hundreds of yellow balloons?

Probably the proper procedure will be to take it all in stride, from the spot-lighted presentation of the Collegiate mascot, Miss Dorothy O'Kelly, and of the Globe Trotters' mascot, Miss Miriam Ali, to the last second of the last minute as that more than 20,000 gave its last, its final, its all endorsing whoop of sheer joy at having been part of a spectacle that will live long in Chicago's sport promotional history.

There was the presentation of the Collegiate players, in the spotlight, each lad trotting across the floor until all members of the squad, and their victorious coach, Arthur (Dutch) Lonborg, had been introduced. Then came the Globe Trotters, all together, entering the vast arena as they played in it, one for all and all for one.

Then came the stirring rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by John Pane-Gasser.

Super-Ultra Cage Battle is Classic (continued)

At half time...when the balloon decension more than shared the exciting interlude with the lads of the Hearst Post of the American Legion, and the lassies of Lake View High ... there was also the singing of "I Love the U.S.A." by Roy Kanold, a young member of the Chicago Civic Opera chorus...

And after that, more basketball ... basketball, the like of which even the oldest settlers probably could not recall.

Since it is our job to secribe the attractions in the main tent, and in the side show, we are proud to be able to report that our fellow workman, Jim Enright, who officiated in the preliminary struggle between the Chicago Bruins, and the Oshkosh Stars, was every bit as theatrical as the famous Pat Kennedy, who came all the way from New York to referee the main event.

As a matter of fact, our Mr. Enright's shirt, which was of the hue of billiard cloth, his mannerisms and his agility quite captivated the crowd fully as much as it did this reporter ... On the more sedate side, in the preliminary game was John Schommer, another able official, while Parke Carroll, Kansas City's gift to basketball officiating, was unobstrusively efficient while his co-worker Kennedy went through the act that has made him notable.

All in all, it was an evening to be remembered, as Basketball's Big League came to Chicago last night, and the Collegiate All-Stars carried off the precious golden trophy, a memorial to the late Paddy Harmon, whose idea the Chicago Stadium was. In closing, let us say again that not since the doors of the vast Stadium opened for the first time has there been another show in any field that touched the high spots presented last night when The HERALD-AMERICAN brought Basketball Big League to Chicago.

REPORT OF N.C.A.A. 1940 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Eastern play-off was held at the Butler Field House, Indianapolis, Indiana on March 22 and 23; the Western play-off at the Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City, Missouri, March 22 and 23 and the final game was played at Kansas City on March 30.

The following summary gives the picture of the Tournament:
Western play-off and the final game, Kansas City:

Receipts.....	\$22,829.55	
Expenditures.....	13,665.67	
Net.....		\$9,163.88

Eastern play-off: Butler Field House

Receipts were \$6,405.75

Federal Tax on Comps from Indiana U.
was \$19.00

Total receipts..... 6,424.75

Expenditures..... 5,224.44

Net..... 1,200.31

Total Net Receipts..... \$10,364.19

General Administration Expense--for trophies, telegrams,
postage, printing, travel, etc.....

852.07

Net Profit on N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament..... \$9,512.12

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

The Missouri Valley Conference schools consisting of:

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Oklahoma
St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas
Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

have voted to install the new fan shape backboards. Each of the schools are making installation during the Holiday recess.

While the double round robin schedule of the Missouri Valley Conference has never started until the second week in January in past years, Washington University and St. Louis University, both of St. Louis, Mo., stole a march on the other schools and had the first meeting of the year on December 20th. Washington won in the last few seconds 32 to 31. This precedent of starting the Conference schedule before the Holiday season will probably be carried into the Conference, next year.

The ups and downs of basketball were clearly demonstrated in Marquette University's loss to Creighton 57 to 12 on Monday night, December 16th and their victory over Wisconsin University on Saturday night, December 21, by the score of 40 to 30.

In meeting the University of Nebraska, Marquette was forced to borrow all equipment from the Nebraska Frosh team. The Marquette equipment, carried in one trunk had ended up in Denver, Colorado instead of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Coach Harold Browne of the University of Nebraska has been called into service. His last work with the team was the Kentucky game which Nebraska won 40 to 39. His assistant, A. J. Lewandowski will take over until his return after a year of service for Uncle Sam.

Coach Carl "Rube" Hoy of the University of South Dakota, says: "Once in a while you have a little trouble with someone who thinks they can coach the team better than you can. I just tell them, it sure is fine. But I don't see how they can afford to do it. They don't pay me very much and working for nothing would be pretty tough."

U. S. DEFENSE CAUSES CAGE LOOP TO QUIT

TULSA, Dec. 20 (AP)--The potential effect of the national defense program on organized sports was emphasized today with suspension of the Missouri Valley A. A. U. basketball league.

The strong amateur circuit's decision to abandon operations for the 1940-1941 season due to the nation's rearmament effort was reported by President William H. Miller.

Some companies supportint teams are engaged in industry essential to defense. Miller said that meant that men could not be spared from their work to play basketball. Team managers were unable to make definite plans because of the athletes possibly being taken in the draft.

HIGH BASKETBALL SCORES

By Louis Effrat

NEW YORK TIMES, Jan. 1, 1941-----

Geneva	72	St. Francis	68
R. I. State	74	St. Joseph's	66
Rice	73	Albright	65
Long Island Univ.	61	Rice	57

Sooner or later the charge of "lively ball," a cry frequently heard in baseball, may find its counterpart in basketball circles unless somewhere, somehow, some ingenious coach can devise a workable defense against the unprecedented scoring sprees throughout the country. When teams can tally anywhere from 50 to 65 points and still wind up on the losing end it becomes apparent that a problem does exist.

Perhaps Mr. Basketball Fan is not concerned with such matters, but Mr. Coach is --- or should be. For while the primary purpose is to outscore the opposition, it is, at least, secondary that some attention be given the defense. What, then, has happened to that defense? Whatever became of those 28-26 scores of yesteryear?

It is obvious that in a game where one team scores 72 points and the other 68, thrilling and crowd-pleasing though it may have been, there must have been a flaw. All signs would indicate a neglect of the defense. Could it be that legislation in recent years has streamlined the sport to an extent where a quintet hasn't time to set up an adequate defense?

Surely, there must be fans who remember when a player boasted more of having held his man scoreless than of his own point production; when he played his man more than the ball; when the man-to-man defense was an integral part of the game and when the enigmatic zone defense came out of Western Pennsylvania to cramp further the style of the would-be scorers.

Then the powers that be began to tinker with the rules. Elimination of the center jump, the ten-second and three-second regulations, the additional time out -- suddenly a premium was placed on speed, speed and more speed. Defensively, there was so much to be done, so little time in which to do it.

The results to date would appear to be helter-skelter, hit-or-miss basketball, featured by one-handed twist shots, two-handed push shots and some indescribable freak shots. Failure to score has meant little. It is only a matter of seconds before other opportunities will again present themselves. Thus the often incredible point totals of today, when three or more offensive men overwhelming a lone defender is commonplace.

Judging by the tremendous turnouts, such as the 17,082 Garden crowd Monday (an off night) when L.I.U. and Rice scored a total of 118 points, it may be that the fans prefer the game as it is played now. No one can deny that it was a thrilling and exciting game--but was it basketball?

NEW GARDEN RECORD

When Illinois defeated Manhattan College 56-40 in the opening double header at the Madison Square Garden, the Illini set a Garden record, in converting every one of their 18 foul tries.

HANK LUISETTI
By Will Connolly

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE:

Among the blessings of the restoration of Henry Luisetti to amateur status after three years of exile is his easy availability to all to see.

We have no doubt Henry is the greatest basketball player ever developed on this Coast and, for all we know, the greatest in the U.S.A., which means the world. But for an athlete of his stature he has been seen by fewer citizens than any other prodigy of comparable skill.

Luisetti's performances with the Stanford quintet were virtually private showings, the seating capacities of the Berkeley and Palo Alto gyms being limited. A few thousand outlanders at Los Angeles also saw him upon the occasions of the USC and UCLA games, but in general Angelo Henry is a sort of a storied myth to San Franciscans, although the boy was born here and learned his art on public playgrounds.

Whenever Luisetti took the floor in Conference games, the students packed the joint to the exclusion of outside citizens, which is as it should be, and we have no quarrel with that. However, it is a fact, Luisetti is blindly accepted by San Francisco people as the best god darned cager that ever swished a basket, sight unseen. His local reputation is based solely upon faith and the trustworthiness of those previous few adults who managed to elbow their way into the barns at Stanford and Cal.

We believe Luisetti is as untouchable in his sport as Helen Wills Moody Roark was in feminine tennis; Jack Dempsey or Jim Jeffries or Joe Louis was (or is) in boxing or Bobby Jones in golf. Yet 100 times the number of spectators who watched Luisetti watched Moody-Roark, the prize fighters, and Jones at one time or another. There are some same citizens who don't believe there is such a person as Luisetti and they are not to be ridiculed for their skepticism.

Luisetti will be available to the masses now that he is eligible to work for the Olympic Club. His first appearance will be tomorrow night at Civic Auditorium against Stanford. There are ample seats up to 10,000 in the Auditorium, so there is no excuse henceforth for doubting Luisetti exists in the flesh.

No kidding, he does.

* * * * *

By Bill Leiser

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE:

Can you imagine the greatest basketball player in the world knocking on the door of a prep school gym and asking to practice fundamentals with the high school youngsters? Let Bobby Stevens tell it, in the note he leaves on my desk:

"Hank Luisetti, whom I rate as the greatest athlete I've ever seen (have not seen very many but he's still the greatest) makes his re-debut into the amateur basketball ranks tonight at the Civic Auditorium.

Hank Luisetti (continued)

"I've always been a good listener to stories concerning Hank because I've looked up to him as a world champion, a 'natural' in anything he's ever done. But here's the point and I thought you could use it in col. form today.

"It's timely because of his return to the courts after a three-year period of obscurity. And this is typical of the Luisetti I followed in high school and the champion I cheered at Stanford.

"During the past month or so Hank has been continually practicing, getting into perfect physical shape with the hope the A.A.U. would reinstate him. He's never done anything halfway so it's reasonable to assume the Luisetti who'll play tonight for the Olympic Club against Stanford is the same Hank, just a little older edition, who shattered scoring records on the Farm.

"Now, last Friday, while Galileo was practicing, Hank knocked on the gym door and asked Tommy DeNike, who first coached him as a scrawny, spindly-legged 120-pounder, if the preps were working out.

"Sure, Hank," said Tommy, "want to come in and watch?"

"Hank said he'd like to work with them if DeNike would permit it. DeNike told him to hustle downstairs and get into a suit and come up and play, the kids would get a terrific thrill out of working with him.

"But," added DeNike, "We're only working on fundamentals today."

"That's just exactly what I want," answered Hank.

"And there it is, the greatest basketball player the Coast has ever produced, perhaps the most amazing the Nation has ever produced, eager to practice fundamentals with a high school team.

"He said he needed the fundamentals too. So he donned a suit, practiced with the kids, listened attentively to DeNike as he gave pointers to the preps and actually tried them out himself. After that he went to a vacant basket and worked for two straight hours on pivots, feints, lay-up shots, dribbling --- the whole pattern of offensive basketball.

"He helped some of the preps, too, patiently answering their questions and laughing when, after he'd missed the easy ones just like us."

"The next morning he was out at George Washington high, working with Lloyd Leith's kids, answering the same questions, and going through the same practice schedule, he's religiously stayed with ever since he was an obscure prep.

"That, Bill, is why Luisetti was so great and may be even better now. He's never figured himself so polished he couldn't listen to pointers from high school coaches. And he's the same Luisetti I knew at high school, a little on the bashful side, unaffected by the hundreds of superlatives that have fallen at his feet from the time he could lift a basketball.

"Luisetti isn't just an athletic champion."

EDITOR'S NOTE---A crowd of 10,000 witnessed Luisetti's debut, following his reinstatement. The king of the court scored 20 points, as his Alma Mater, Stanford, scored a 52-48 victory over the Olympic Club.

JOURDET PREDICTS RETURN SOON OF JUMP AT CENTER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14---Lon Jourdet, coach of the University of Pennsylvania basketball team, now in his 17th season, believes that a greater use of the pivot play among college teams will be made during the coming season.

"We expect to make more use of the pivot this season than we have since 1934, when Donald Kellett graduated," Jourdet said. "I think other college teams also will make extensive use of the play which many coaches and spectators believe to be one of the most spectacular and at the same time one of the most effective offensive weapons in basketball."

The restrictions placed on the pivot a number of years ago almost completely killed the play. The new three-second rule, however, has revived the play considerably and Jourdet believes that this season it will return not to its former high estate but as a definite part of most offences.

The three-second rule and the fact that the pivot must work from outside the foul circle on either side will not prevent a good pivot from executing the play. It will take capable, fast ball handling to make the play work, but I am sure there are enough good ball handlers in college circles who can work the play.

The speeding up of the court games during the past few years as a result of the elimination of the center jump causes Jourdet to make his annual prediction that the center tap will return to the game before long. Jourdet has found a definite trend among the veteran coaches and a sprinkling of the younger ones, toward the return of what he regards as a basic play of the sport that should never have been removed.

The trend toward the return, according to Jourdet, will result in modifications within a few years with the possible complete return of the play within five years. Jourdet says he will never change his attitude toward the center tap regardless of the type of squad he coaches. This season, for instance, for the first time in many years, he has a squad tall enough to get the ball off the backboard.

FOURTH ANNUAL INVITATION GARDEN TOURNEY IN MARCH

By Everett B. Morris

Dates for the fourth annual national intercollegiate invitation basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden next spring were decided upon tentatively at a meeting of the Metropolitan College Basketball Committee recently. This group, organized last year by representatives of all the colleges and universities in the city except N. Y. U., selected March 18, 19, 22, and 24 for the post-season fixture.

With four dates at its disposal, the committee will be able to invite eight teams, instead of six as in the past, if that many high-ranking candidates are available. An eight-team tourney will obviate the first-round byes heretofore granted to teams traveling the longest distances to compete, and will make for a better-balanced, more representative competition.

Professor Walter Williamson, director of athletics at the College of the City of New York, was elected chairman of the committee, and Clair F. Bee, of Long Island University, was named secretary-treasurer.

All-Stars Win Basketball's Greatest Game (cont'd. from p. 13).

and Carpenter from the foul line.

Then Hapac and Vaughn hit their stride, the former contributing a one-handed side shot and the latter two free throws, with Szukala finishing the drive by tying the score on a perfect block play as the third quarter ended. They made it 30 to 30.

TROTTERS TO FRONT

Presseley's long one again put the Trotters in front to start the fourth period, but Carpenter and Szukala caged quick ones to regain the lead. Then it was Price and Boswell who turned the game around again, and with a free throw a-piece the pros led, 37 to 35 with three minutes to play.

Carpenter's one-handed shot quickly tied it up, and then came that hair-raising finish, with Vaughn and Boswell caging their spectacular shots. After that the overtime -- and the All-Star victory over as fine a basketball team as this country will see in many a year.

Carpenter, whom the All-America Basketball Board dug up from East Texas Teachers of Commerce, Texas, was the individual star with 13 of the All-Star points, besides some brilliant floor work. Stan Szukala, Bill Hapac, Erwin Prasse, Ralph Vaughn -- it's hard to pick any one who stood out, any more than it is one of the Globe Trotters. They were ALL good!

REPRESENT CHICAGO AREA

The team which played most of the second half and the overtime for the All-Stars consisted of Vaughn and Hapac, forwards; Carpenter, center; Prasse and Szukala, guards. Three of them--Hapac, Prasse and Szukala---are from the Chicago area, a fine tribute to the type of basketball played around here.

* * * *

COACHES TAKE NOTICE ! ! !

Bud Foster has asked that all coaches be on the lookout for movie material for the convention. He wants to hear about everything that has been taken, and will try to pick the best.

* * * *