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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