

#### 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.