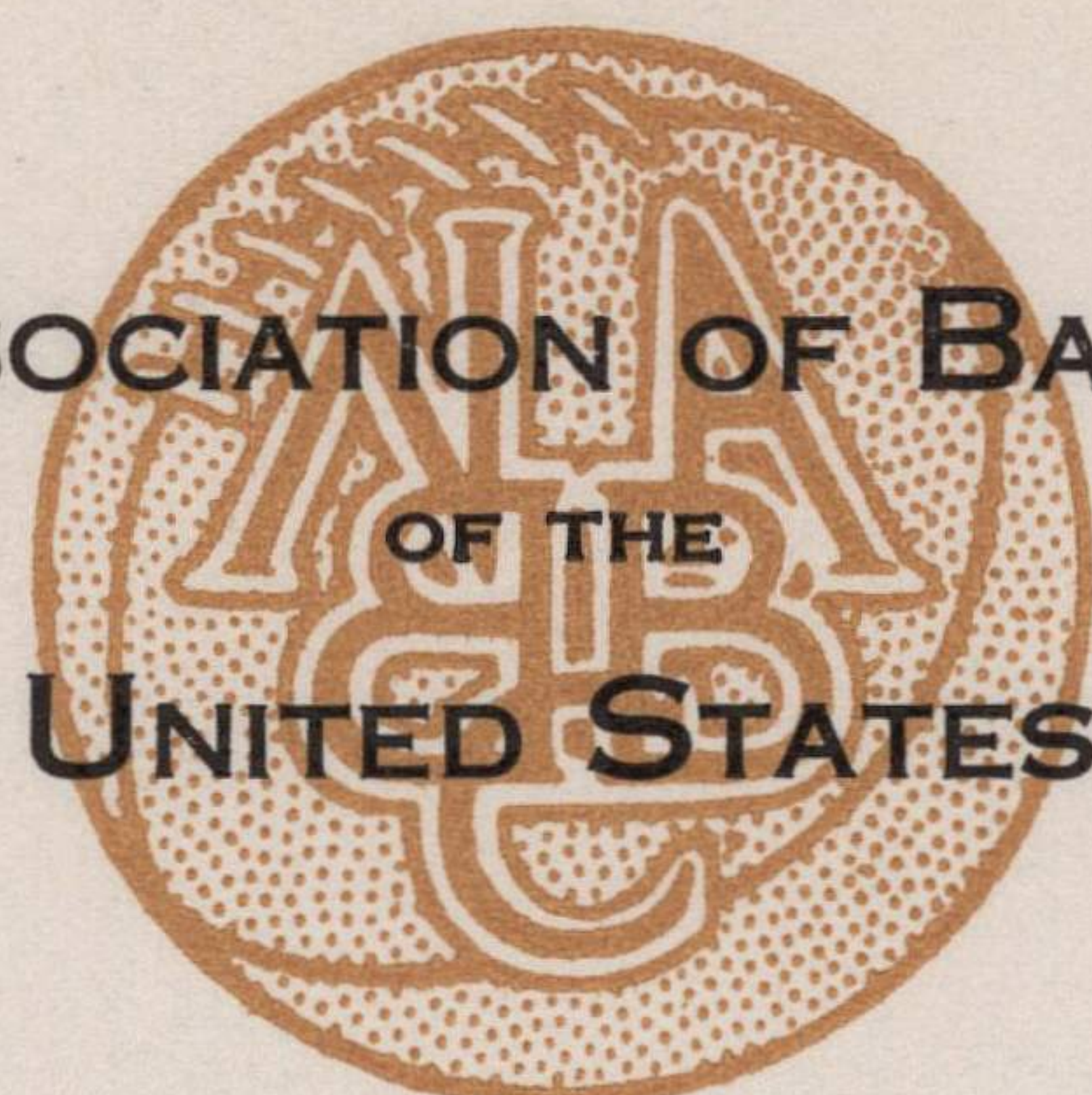


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December 9, 1939.

Dear Coach:

YOUR National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States INVITES your membership and your help in furthering the aims of this group. The great game of basketball is growing constantly and this is your opportunity to have a part in formulating the program for the sport.

Many of you have felt in the past that the annual membership dues of Five Dollars (\$5.00) were out of proportion to the benefits to be gained. This was especially true of members who found it impossible to attend the annual convention. In an attempt to gain a greater representation of coaches and a more mutual interest in the activities of the Association, these annual dues have been reduced to TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00). For those attending the convention, an additional fee of \$3.00 will be charged. However, the group feels that the new Two Dollar fee will encourage the membership of practically every college coach in the United States and that these new members will profit by their membership as will the Association gain through the broader view gained through such a large membership.

There are three types of membership in the Association. These are the HONORARY, the ALLIED, and the ACTIVE memberships. Formerly, only coaches in schools holding membership in the N. C. A. A. could be active members. At the last convention this ruling was changed so that "coaches from institutions which offer a four year baccalaureate degree and who are actively engaged in the profession of basketball coaching shall be eligible for ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP". Other coaches in junior colleges, high schools, and preparatory schools are eligible for the ALLIED MEMBERSHIP.

The ACTIVE TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP allows voting privileges to the coach; the ALLIED member has the privilege of the floor but not of voting.



A hasty review of the values of membership in the Association may be worth while. In my mind, the most important consideration should be the fact that this is the official group representing the college coaches in deciding the problems of your profession. Your PROFESSIONAL PRIDE should demand your cooperation in furthering basketball.

Each year the rules committee of the Coaches Association forwards to active and allied members a QUESTIONNAIRE on proposed changes in the basketball rules. Your answers are formulated and brought to the floor of the convention for discussion and the desire of the majority is forwarded to the BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE for their consideration. Thus you have a major part in the adoption of new rules.

The RESEARCH COMMITTEE of the group carries out experiments on equipment, rules proposals, and other important matters in the hope of giving to you scientific information before presentation to the convention. Some of their worthy projects have been studies of THE ELIMINATION OF THE CENTER JUMP, THE NEW TYPE BALL, THE NEW GOAL and, at present, they are engaged in a study of shooting statistics with the present 18" goal and the proposed 20" basket. A portion of your TWO DOLLAR MEMBERSHIP FEE is allotted to this committee for their experiments.

Both active and allied members receive the BULLETIN, the official publication of the ASSOCIATION. The bulletin is a newsy, mimeographed organ containing pertinent information regarding the Association, the coaches and the game. It is worth the membership fee in itself. The November issue contained the minutes of the last convention, along with other "dope" on basketball. CAN YOU AFFORD TO MISS THIS INFORMATION?

Last but not least of the rewards of membership is the NATIONAL CONVENTION. Here the problems of the basketball coaches are ironed out in an atmosphere of good fellowship, along with an excellent social good time which offers the opportunities for mingling with the coaching personalities from all sections of the country.

CAN YOU DENY YOURSELF THESE ADVANTAGES? Basketball is looking forward to a banner year. The membership in the Association is expected to more than double its roster of active and allied members. Your TWO DOLLAR MEMBERSHIP FEE forwarded today will start the various committees on their way to help basketball during the coming year, your returns will make you feel that it is the soundest investment in your coaching career.

DON'T DELAY! Send your membership check made payable to the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE UNITED STATES to me or to Mr. Ed Hickox, Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts AT ONCE.

With best wishes for a truly pleasant and prosperous basketball season, I am

Very sincerely,

*Blair Gullion*

Blair Gullion

Chairman, Membership Committee.

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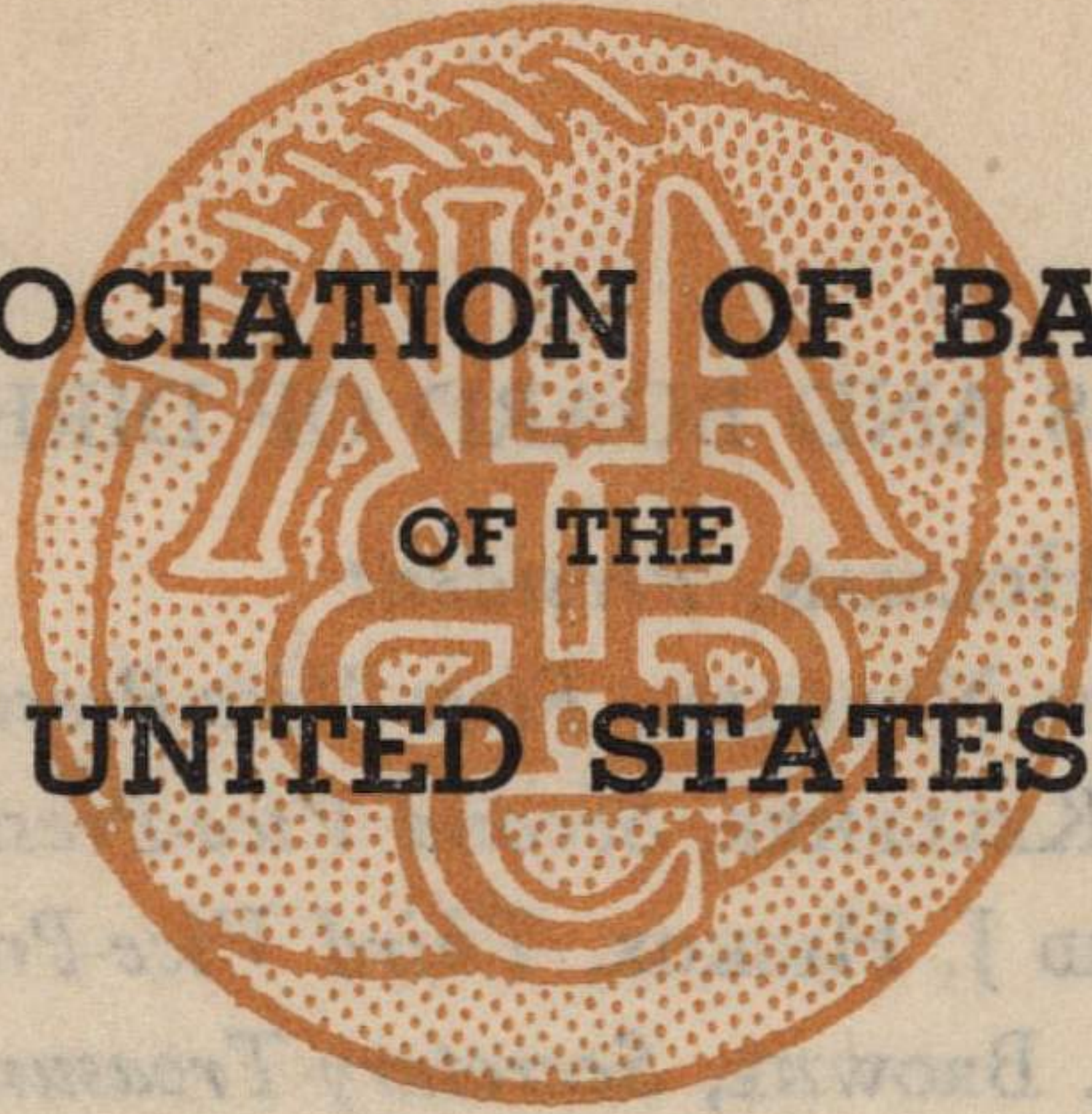


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November 29, 1940

Mr. F. C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Now that the time of year has arrived when we are all thinking of basketball, I have decided that it would be the proper time to drop you a line reminding you of the part you have played in the past in the National Association of Basketball Coaches, and the part that I hope you will continue to play in the future.

As a member of the membership committee of this district, which is comprised of the states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Nebraska, I am writing to you to let you know that we are on the job in an effort to make our district one hundred per cent, so that it may be possible for us to carry on the work of the Association in an aggressive manner. Having been a member before, you realize the good work which this group has been doing in the interest of basketball. I hope that you will continue to give us your support so that this work may be carried on in the future. It is my hope that you are planning to join the Association again this year. If so, I would appreciate receiving a check at your earliest convenience. As you know, the fee is \$2.00 per year. Don't put this matter off. Take care of it today. Your \$2.00 will help the Association a great deal in this work.

Hoping that I may see you in New York at the National Convention during the week of March 23rd, and wishing you a successful season, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*A. Eugene Haylett*

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October 3, 1940

Mr. George R. Edwards  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your favor of the 30th ultimo; also for your enclosure and copy of the Constitution of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States, as revised in 1938.

I have glanced over the booklet and fail to find any corrections save the reference in regard to the founding of the Association. I might give you a little background.

Knute Rockne and I spoke before the N.E.A. in Des Moines, Iowa in early April. The meeting was held in the Drake Field House. The dribble had been deleted by the Rules Committee and I made a statement in the N.E.A. meeting that the autocratic and high-handed action by the rules body of deleting the dribble was undemocratic. Especially was this so when the coaches had had no opportunity to express their pleasure or displeasure upon the rule. Immediately this statement evoked quite a stir and I received 160 telegrams from coaches over the country supporting me in my action.

As this incident took place in April, immediately there was a clamor for a meeting. I did not want to hold this protest meeting in connection with the Kansas Relays for fear that it might reflect in an unfavorable manner upon the Kansas Relays, especially when I was connected with Kansas and had made a criticism against the Rules Committee. Therefore, I called the meeting in conjunction with the Drake Relays at Des Moines.

A very representative group of coaches from over the United States met there and after discussing the matter for two days we decided definitely to meet in Chicago in June, during the time of the National Collegiate Track and Field Meeting in 1928. I remember a great many of the men who were there; Carlson of Pittsburg, Price from California, Hurt from Stanford and Nels Norgren, Lew Andres, Sheabinger, and a host of others.

At that meeting in June they elected me as president, and the following year in 1929 I was reelected as president. I can see very clearly



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why Nels was not able to give you much information because Nels was not on the Board in the beginning, and perhaps did not take a great deal of interest in it at first because our group was looked upon with great suspicion by the rules body. But after having seen the Association in operation for several years the rules body came to lean upon this root very heavily and to ask their support of certain things that the coaches association championed.

George, I will read this constitution over again and see if I can help you further.

While I was dictating I glanced through the book the second time and I find you state the first annual convention was held in Chicago in 1929. The first convention was held, as I have stated, in June in 1928.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball Coach

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

September 30, 1940

Dr. F. C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kan.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Practically all of my extra copies of the constitution of the National Association of Basketball Coaches have been sent to secretary Browne. However, I find that three were left, and am sending you one of these.

The historical sketch and summary of work, included in this booklet, represent a personal effort with memory only as the foundation. Several months were spent trying to obtain cooperation of the secretary, Nels Norgren, in checking the accuracy of dates and names. When such help was unobtainable it was necessary to go ahead.

Consequently, there appears several errors in my report. Inasmuch as Browne has asked to reprint the booklet I would like to make the new edition more accurate. After you have read it I would appreciate corrections and comments.

Yours truly,

*George R. Edwards*  
George R. Edwards.



B

Lawrence, Kansas  
February 14, 1940.

Mr. Don S. White,  
Connecticut State College,  
Storrs, Connecticut.

Dear Don:

I have your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting information on our knowledge or evaluation of the advantages or faults of the new rule.

I am chairman of the Fifth District of the National Rules Committee and I have had a great deal of correspondence with H. V. Porter, secretary of the Rules body, on the changes in rules and have helped prepare the questionnaire, so I am wondering just what I should say to you on this matter.

I wrote Porter that I thought we ought to take a poll and find out what the coaches and others thought of the elimination of the center tip-off. There is quite an agitation to slow the game down somewhat, and there are many people who feel that we should restore the center jump with the rotation of jumpers, much after the manner of the batting order in baseball.

There is another thing that I think should come up for consideration and that is to permit a man to re-enter the game three times instead of two times, as the rules now are.

There are a lot of smaller things that we could consider, and in the main I will go along with you as chairman of the committee and Clair Bee, last year's chairman, in endeavoring to let the rules alone if they are entirely satisfactory. There are a number of people in the High School Federation who are doing a definite amount of research work, and their representatives present their findings to the Rules body. Frankly, Don, I do not believe that any set of rules from year to year will not be changed. The competition of the game, the good angles and the bad, each present themselves to the great mass of players, officials and patrons of the game, and possibilities of development for the better are always in the mind of every progressive individual.



Our Research Committee was able to get some standardization on illumination. I believe another important point is that of floor resiliency. We talk about basketball resiliency, but we have had little to say on floor resiliency. You might play one night in Madison Square Garden where the floor bounce is different than at the Coliseum in Chicago, or for that matter, the University of Oklahoma at Norman. The Sooners have the worst floor, I believe, in the country. If we could have a somewhat flexible standard of floor resiliency whereby a ball inflated to a certain degree would bounce a certain height, then we would begin to standardize our equipment. I am suggesting this thought to you for your consideration.

There is another idea that I have long dwelt on. We have the three-second rule, we have inhibitions regarding the defensive player touching the ball above the cylinder of the basket, and the worst where we give a player two shots when he is in the act of shooting. This brings the referee into too great prominence because a fellow who has a turn, jump or spin shot 90% of the time draws two free throws because he is in some degree in the act of shooting. Until some of you coaches try a 12-foot basket and see the possibilities that the little man has and the real, normal handicap that you put on a mezzanine, peeping goon, then we will never be progressive. The arc of the rebound is much further out on the court, and the referee will not call two free throws three times in the whole game with the 12-foot basket because they will pass to shoot out from an angle rather than to drive in. In last year's questionnaire it was stated that college conferences should be urged to experiment with baskets 12 feet above the floor.

So I think that that is the most important question to be considered. You could even give three points for a field goal and then you would have the correct ratio between a field goal and a free throw.

Since you feel that the rules as they are, are pretty much O.K., I am convinced that we need a smaller backboard with several inches removed from the lower edge. I would also like to see the college game played in 10 minute quarters. This would give the team two extra time-outs and would break the game into regulation periods.

Trusting that this gives you some material which will stir discussion and interest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
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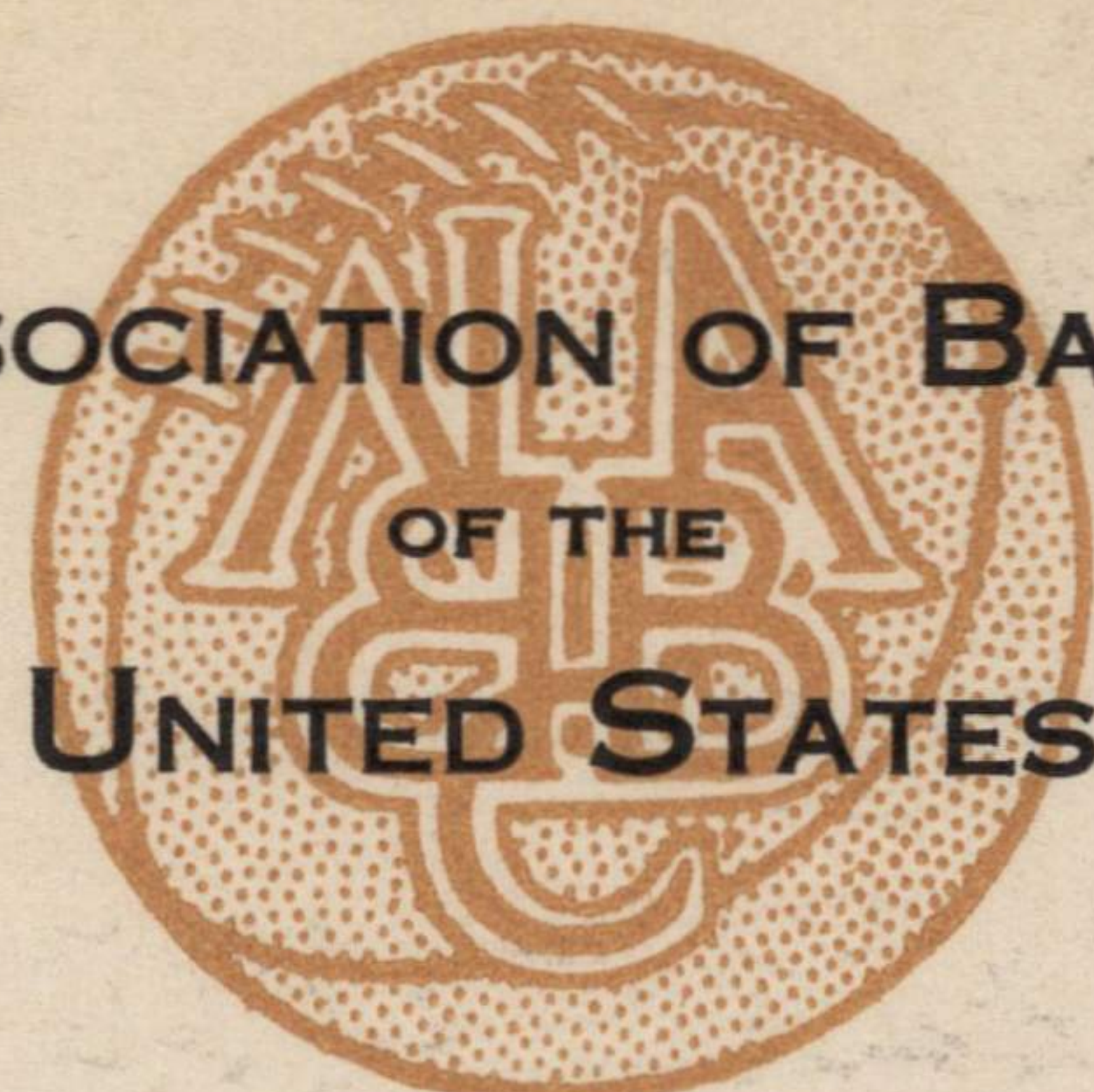


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Mr. Forrest C. Allen  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Allen:

Now that the basketball season is half over, I believe it is time for each of us on the Rules Committee to evaluate the advantages or faults of the new rules. We should also study the possibility of changes or additions that might improve our game for the 1940-41 season.

As chairman of your committee, I am decidedly in favor of following the policy suggested by Mr. Clair Bee, our chairman last year. That is, to let the rules alone and try to develop and standardize the equipment and facilities of our great game.

You have probably noticed that the members of the Rules Committee were selected with the intention of having each section or conference of our entire group well represented. It is with this in mind that I am writing to you, asking that you take it upon yourself to ask questions and collect information that pertains to your particular group or section. You have only five more weeks to secure this information, so get busy.

Please forward to me all data collected so I might have it ready to present to our committee as a whole at our annual meeting in Kansas City.

In the last Basketball Bulletin, a number of suggestions were printed that are of grave importance. Please note them and get the reaction from your section.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Don White*  
Don S. White, Chairman,  
Rules Committee

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
BASKETBALL COACHES OF THE UNITED STATES

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MARCH 12, 1939.





DOUBLE DRIBBLE

By Dick Friendlich - San Francisco Chronicle.

"I may not know art, but I know what I like."

That's the reaction of most of the 1500 fans who saw Phillips Oilers of Oklahoma lose to Golden State Creamery, 22-21, Tuesday night at Kezar. From the standpoint of basketball, it certainly was art, but few of the fans would like it as a consistent diet. They prefer the driving, fast-break style that Stanford, Santa Clara, S.F. State and other local teams play most of the time, even though it lacks the perfect execution which marked the Oilers-Creamery battle.

The Oilers are good. They won the Missouri valley A.A.U. title this spring, were runners-up to the Denver Nuggets in the Nationals last year, losing 25-22 in the finals, Note that 25-22.

Actually, the Oilers were playing the same kind of basketball that was prevalent all over the country ten years ago - figure-eight passing outside the circle and screen off the "spot." The Oilers guards didn't drive into the basket, but kept moving around outside, trying to set up the play.

Sometimes they started to move in, found themselves checked, pivoted and passed out again and started the figure-eight all over again. The Creamery played the same style, although the forwards broke across a little more often than did the Oilers. But the total points scored give you the idea.

Had either team played a zone defense instead of man-to-man, the score would probably have been 3 to 2. No thank you.

With Dick Hyland, Los Angeles Times.

Nibs Price, California coach, who is more on the smart side than not when it comes to things basketball, comes out wham-bang with the statement that Jackie Robinson is the best basketball player in the United States. I don't know whether that is so, but I do know he is the best I've seen perform. This would ordinarily mean little because of the limited number seen, but it assumes proportions when among those seen are several whom the East, Midwest and North have hailed as great and double-great. Robinson's better than they are, in my book.

On performance around here, Jack Robinson has looked the best. He has a natural, instinctive quickness, straightaway speed, body control and judgement of distance that is so outstanding it is difficult to describe.

Flashback - By Dick Friendlich.

It's not too late to record a recent prank of that cute California rooting section, which must be seen and heard to be believed.

When the Bear and U.S.C. cagers clashed a week ago the U.C. rooters got into the swing of things and booed lustily every time a Trojan stepped up to the free throw line. That was on Friday night. Before Saturday night's game started, Lloyd Whitman, the California yell leader, took over the loudspeaker and asked that the rooters, in the name of common courtesy, refrain from booing Trojans on the free throw line. Whitman's request, quite naturally, was greeted with boos.

The game hadn't gone a minute before Ralph Vaughn, star Trojan forward, was fouled. As he stepped up to shoot his



charity toss, every undergraduate in the joint let loose with an explosive "Shhhhh" which nearly tore the roof off. It sounded as though 11,000 cobras had been turned loose.

NCTE - Vaughn miss the free throw.

Letter from Carl B. Hoy, University of South Dakota's Athletic Director.

Mr. Edward J. Hickox,  
Springfield College  
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Coach:

I am writing you a few lines this morning concerning a thing which I have in mind, which has gained a lot of publicity and momentum in this region to date and I noticed there was an article in the last bulletin by some one else, and the thing I have in mind is this and I would like to get a note in the next bulletin if possible, that I am coming to the National Meeting prepared to discuss thoroughly the proposed rule to eliminate the fourth foul disqualification in the game as it is to date. In my twenty-two years of coaching I have never been able to figure out why a boy should be put out of the ball game for trying to do his best and why all the extra penalty because of some unforeseen contact. I am sure that the free throw is enough penalty especially with the great balance of power among the teams that a few extra free throws will win the game, and we already have a rule in the book that a flagrant foul will disqualify a player so I don't see why we have used this old unfair tactic in handling the boys.

For every one reason that a boy should be ejected from the game, I think I have twenty-five sound reasons why he should stay in the game, instead of having the referee decide who should leave the game, I still prefer to do that myself. I don't think we have another game on the record book that disqualifies a boy for attempting to do his best.

Now I know this is an old question and has been discussed and know everyone of the reasons why it is in the book and none of them have ever been sound as far as I am concerned. They could just as well disqualify a boy with three as well as four because a boy with three of them who wants to win the game is almost helpless and you have to take him out anyhow.

Now I am hoping in the next meeting to have a good free discussion of this matter and I believe it would be the greatest improvement to the game from both the spectators and players angle that we have had.

At least when you come to see a star play you know he isn't going out of the game the first ten minutes and of course, when you get to be a star to the magnitude of Lusetti of Stanford a foul is never called on him anyway, and if you have a boy that good you don't need to worry about the book or anything else.

But knowing the good discussions we have at the meeting and as I say I am prepared with a five to one advantage for the elimination of this oldest rule probably in the book.

I would appreciate if you would make a note of this in the next bulletin.

Carl B. Hoy.



AROUND THE RING

By George Edmond, St. Paul Pioneer  
Press, 1/14/40.

Do you like the game of basketball? Does it provide thrills in proportion to the cost and trouble involved in attending games?

Reason for the question is simply this? A lot of fans believe there is considerable room for improvement and suggest changes so radical that, if they were put into effect we might have another fine sport, but- it wouldn't be basketball as we know it now.

In our opinion it would be difficult to uphold an argument that basketball, imperfect as it may be, is not a good game. It still outdraws the great college game of football and, by observation, provides about as many thrills as a person could ask to be packed in an hour of competition.

Basketball, from a technical standpoint, may be picked to pieces. It may be shown, in logical fashion, that it is not a fair game and that it might be made far more attractive from a spectator standpoint. And yet, despite all the criticism, 12,000 or more fans can be packed into the Minnesota field house to see the Minnesota Gophers meet a Big Ten opponent.

The logic may show one thing, public interest something entirely different. Any game that stands tops from a general interest and attendance standpoint can't be entirely wrong.

WHAT ARE ITS FAULTS?

This is the criticism you hear about basketball above all others? It is a game in which good play is penalized rather than rewarded.

That is based principally on the point that a team scoring a basket must give up possession of the ball to the opposition. Why, the critics ask, should a team be put at a disadvantage after doing something for which it should be commended? Basketball, they say, is the only sport in which this is done.

As a matter of fact, that is the least of the criticisms that may be directed against basketball.

It is not the only sport that seeks to make things even by putting at a disadvantage the team which has just made a score. Football does exactly that when it provides that the team scored against may choose whether to kick or receive the next kickoff. Golf does exactly the same when, in match play, it provides that the player winning a hole must play first from the next tea and give his opponent the advantage of judging the wisdom of his choice of club.

Basketball would become a farce if the team scoring a basket were given the advantage in the throw-out of the ball for resumption of play. If that were done a team that was only a little superior to its opponent would become so superior as to destroy the competitive angle. Games that now give the deserving team an advantage of a few points would become utter routs.

It must be admitted that the element of luck often results in the better basketball team losing a close game. But is that a situation peculiar to basketball? Would anyone suggest that it doesn't happen, too, in football, golf, hockey, or what have you?

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ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

It would be ridiculous to say that there isn't room for improvement in basketball. But when the rules committee takes up the matter of correction it should remember that most of the things now being criticized are the result of changes that were designed to correct what previously were considered faults.

A case in point is the elimination of the center tipoff after a score. Purpose behind the elimination of the tipoff was to minimize the importance of a tall center. Maybe the change did that, but it still didn't eliminate the importance of height in the team as a whole.

Beyond that, the change brought up the reasons for the present criticism, giving the ball to the team which was scored on, out of bounds. Do the critics want to go back to the center tipoff, or do they have in mind a better way of putting the ball back in play after a score?

ANOTHER CHANGE FAILED OF PURPOSE

Another change that was designed as an improvement apparently has failed in its purpose.

That is the one that provides for moving the ball out of the back court within 10 seconds. The purpose was to eliminate stalling. In a way it may have done that, but it resulted in an objection even greater than the old-time stalling.

Whereas it is still possible to stall in the front court, the game is now limited to half the floor instead of the full court as once was the case. Defensive players no longer go beyond mid-court to obtain possession of the ball, but wait for the opposition to advance past mid-court. It is much like defensive hockey at its worst, with the defense scurrying back to defense of its own goal as soon as it loses possession of the ball.

These various matters are not pointed out as direct criticisms, but merely to illustrate the difficulties into which the rules committee can get itself if it listens and responds to all critics without giving due consideration to the new difficulties which changes may bring up.

NO PENALTIES IN BASKETBALL

By Dick Cullum, Sports writer- Minneapolis.

Mr. Carl B "Rube" Hoy,  
University of south Dakota  
Vermillion, S. D.

Dear Rube: There's a publicity yarn here from your school which quotes you as opposing the old four-fouls-and-out rule in basketball.

You say that, in all other sports, players may commit any number of fouls and merely take the penalties unless, of course, they are disqualifying fouls.

You say the same principle should govern in basketball.

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But the trouble with your argument is that there is no penalty for a foul in basketball so if you permitted an unlimited number of fouls players could commit them with impunity.

The only deterrent to foul play in basketball is the knowledge that each foul hastens the time when a player will have four and will be out of the game.

Do I hear you say, "What about the free throws? Every time a man commits a foul the other team is allowed one or two free throws. Aren't those penalties?"

No, they are not.

Every time the fouled team completes a free throw for one point the team that committed the foul is given possession of the ball and a chance to make two points.

I'd like to see any statistics on basketball which show that penalties work a hardship on the offending team. More likely statistics would show that a team has a slight profit every time it commits a foul.

#### BASKETBALL REBOUNDS

Decision still Reserved as Court  
Studies Case of Illegal Block Vs  
Legal Screen.

By Everett B. Morris -

That hardy old perennial, the difference between a block (illegal) and a screen (legal) blossomed again yesterday when metropolitan coaches and writers gathered at lunch to hear Tom Haggerty, coach, talk about DePaul's basketball team. Like the war, this cute little enigma can be expected to start a rousing argument whenever the conversation gives the slightest indication of lagging.

The entire question was catapulted into discussion when our Everett B. Morris, who was feeling quite low anyway because he just had a tooth pulled, innocently inquired of Haggerty whether it wasn't true the entire Mid-West had to play basketball according to the Big Ten interpretation thereof. That was all the boys needed. Haggerty answered and went into a discussion of what constituted a blocking foul. Neil Cohalan, Manhattan coach, jumped into the fray feet first and asked the boys why didn't they get together and interpret the rule uniformly. Whereupon Clair Bee, the Long Island U. coach came up with arms swinging and used chairs, harmless writers who were innocently drinking their coffee, and salt and pepper cellars to illustrate the difference between the legal screen and illegal block.

#### JUMPS AND BUMPS

At a late hour yesterday, the Ficcadilly lobby was still being stirred out of its mid-afternoon lethargy by the sight of staid coaches and dignified basketball writers jumping in front of each other, bumping into each other and asking "But what's this?"

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With Dick Hyland, Los Angeles Times

A recent thought, probably provoked by the fact that we are now passing from the season of one sport to that of several others, was that there is not, after all, such a great difference between the playing of various sports. In most all of them, as Illinois' Prof. Coleman Griffith has pointed out, learning, habit, memory, sight, hearing, muscular feel, thinking, emotion, determination, resolution, concentration, attention, selection and imagination have a place. The more of these things you possess, and the better you use them, the closer you are to being the champion of your sport. and no one was ever a champion of any sport without having all of them to some degree and some of them to a great degree.

The more familiar you become with any game the easier it is to recognize the application of these mentioned basic qualities to the playing of that game. Perhaps we may not analyze things but may, instead, simply know and appreciate that DiMaggio can hit the ball, that Bobby Riggs is a master of baseline play, that Davey O'Brien and Don Hutson would be one whale of a pass combination, that Joe Louis is a champion, but that Gene Tunney was a better one, that Johnny Weissmuller was related to a fish and the Trojans have a good basketball team.

#### WANT TO BE A CHAMPION?

Every athlete mentioned, indeed, every player in every game, has used identical basic qualities but expressed them in different ways, as called for in his sport. It may take just as much courage, alertness, co-ordination and learning to stand over a cook stove all day as it does to stand under a falling punt for two seconds. So, perhaps, there are games AND games to which the basic qualities apply.

Incidentally, to put forth a personal belief based upon experience, no persons possess these qualities to the exclusion of other persons. All of us can learn to use every quality used by a champion. How well we train ourselves determines how close we may come to being champions ourselves. Present prep school athletes should learn that before all else.

#### A PERFECT EXAMPLE

An unforgettable incident in the 1932 Olympic Games proved Georgia Coleman a champion. A beautiful girl, who will be just as happy if her name isn't mentioned here, was giving Georgia a licking off the 10-foot board. She came to her pet dive, a difficult thing she usually did perfectly. It was, in fact, too easy, because she flopped the dive badly. She forgot (memory) what she had learned, broke her habit, did not look at the board, failed to feel she was wrong, did not determine to do as she knew she could, failed to concentrate, let her attention wander; and she undoubtedly did these things because her imagination had grasped what it meant to be licking Georgia Coleman and becoming the champion of the world. She thought the wrong things.

Georgia Coleman, with the full pressure on her, stepped to the board and knocked off two of her best dives to win the championship - - as usual. She used each of the basic qualities properly.

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### PREPSTER'S RUN A HONEY

Johnny Petrovich, the Alhambra backfield ace, used the all-important items on a gallop against Santa Barbara for the Southern California championship. He hit wide around his own right end. He had his emotions and imagination under control because he was perfectly relaxed. Learning and habit were proven by the masterful way he was loping along with the ball tucked under his arm on the side away from probable tacklers. His sight and hearing were keen because he was sidestepping, swerving past and straight-arming tacklers with split-second precision.

It took great determination, resolution, concentration, and attention to see, hear, feel and do all he was doing. He had a bag of tricks available, including a drive straight ahead, but he instinctively thought and selected the proper trick of moving under part speed toward the sideline as he got rid of three tacklers. THEN he selected the right moment to put forth the power and drove up-field for the goal line, taking the lone remaining tackler with him. To me it was one of the most beautiful runs ever seen on a football field because the athlete making it had put everything into it, as he had to, to make it.

### FIND 'EM IN ALL SPORTS

If we can find like points in such sports as football and women's diving, it is not difficult to find them also in all others, from polo to ice hockey. And one of the greatest common factors we find was stated grandly years ago by Harvey E. Woodruff in the Chicago Tribune. He said: "Competition in athletics imposes self-restraint, recognition of fair play and respect for law (rules) under a code more exacting than that found in any other activity of the human family. No person can participate - - without absorbing respect for the rights of others - - he must bridle acts of open unfairness or he and his team suffer penalties imposed by unbiased arbiters - - - Even in professional sports, where any means of victory does not shock many devotees, rules of conduct are imposed whose violation means disqualification or forfeiture. No individual's own viciousness can upset the scheme of things without reaction upon himself. So whether from fear of consequences or from a sense of sportsmanship, athletics give a viewpoint and a training not obtained elsewhere. - - The college athlete leaves the campus and goes into life more tolerant of his fellow man."

REMEMBER - REMEMBER - REMEMBER -

The National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States will hold their convention in Kansas City March 28, to 30, with headquarters at the Hotel Continental.

For the convention, a special group rate of \$3.50 for a double room and \$2.00 for a single room. All rooms are equipped with bath.

Make your reservations early for choice reserve space.

REMEMBER YOU WILL MEET ALL THE BOYS AT KANSAS CITY -

March 28 - 30, 1940.



NOW THEY KNOW HOW THE SHORTIES FEEL

Cage Storks Crane - - Basket Up 2 feet

Seattle -(AP)- University of Washington basketball players raised their sights to a basket 12 feet high Tuesday. They concluded it was a pain in the neck. The altitude, that is; not the idea. The idea for the experiment came from Coach Clarence S.(Hec) Edmundson. Hec is a member of the National Basketball Rules committee which meets in Kansas City March 31 to consider rules changes. One of the suggestions to come before the hoop rule makers will be to raise the baskets from the 10 to the 12-foot level. This is to take the premium off tall players who camp under the hemp and make life miserable for pint-sized guards.

So Hec, in the interests of basketball science, decided to hold a casaba clinic, and used his varsity as guinea pigs.

Sure enough, the stratospheric baskets took some of the premium off the tall fellows. The rebound arc under the hoop was materially widened, and the shorties had a better chance to check the storks.

Even the tall fellows came away rubbing their necks after craning back all afternoon and taking aim. Now they know how the little fellows have felt all along.

"It's interesting, but I'm not too sold on it," Edmundson said after the "Clinic."

"The big men are not too effective under the higher basket, but they still hold an advantage over the shorter men. And it seems to be easier to make the long shots.

"I'd like to try an 11-foot basket some time, but because of exams we won't be able to do it this year. Maybe 11-footers would be the answer."

HAPAC REVISES ILLINI RECORD BOOK

Champaign, Ill., March 8 (AP)- The end of Bill Hapac's college iate career found him in possession of virtually every record in the University of Illinois basketball book. Here are some of his achievements:

Big Ten Conference single game record of 34 points.

Illinois record of 582 points for a three-year season (all games).

Illinois record of 244 points for a single season(all games).

Modern Illinois record of 387 points for three years of Big Ten play.

Modern Illinois record of 164 points for a single Big Ten season.

Tied Chuck Carney's 1920 Illinois record of 60 field goals for a Big Ten season.

First Big Ten scoring champion from Illinois since Carney (1922)

SEE YOU AT KANSAS CITY - MARCH 28 - 30 - IT'S A DATE.



COACH'S SON, TEAM'S STAR, -  
NO FAVORITE OF HIS.

He' 'Straight-A' Medic Student -  
Studies till 2:00 A.M. Before Big Game.

Lawrence, Kan. Feb. 26, -(AP)- Sports critics say he is the fair-haired lad of the Kansas university basketball team, but Bob Allen is never "papa's boy" on the court.

"I never give him special attention nor do we talk basketball games" says Dr. F.C. Allen, veteran coach of the perennially potent Jayhawks.

A dinner at the Allen home supports him. Finland, the Malthusian theory, inability of Bob to register for a course in scientific German and the loss of her sorority pin by a "certain" co-ed were argued or discussed. The only dribble mentioned was one which sneaked off side of a dish of plum jam and spotted the tablecover.

Bob, 20, is a straight "A" student in the pre-medic school. Although his father coaches the basketball team which again is a Big six title threat and Bob is the conference's fourth ranking scorer, his studies come first.

"Why, the night before we lost to Warrensburg, (Mo.) teachers, Bob studied untill after 2:00 A.M. But I have some old-fashioned ideas, one of which is that most boys come to college for an education," explained the coach.

From Mrs. Allen one learned that her son handled a basketball from his kindergarten days on up.

"Their father didn't tutor them much. His work kept him at the school until almost dark and their games were always over when he arrived home. I don't recall but I imagine he did teach the boys how to shoot."

Bob is the "quarterback" and center on the Kansas quintet, a post held by his older brother, Milt, on the Famous Kansas Fives of 1935 and 1936.

Tonight the Allen & Son dynasty takes the floor at Iowa State college where it meets a similar combination, that of Louis Menze and his son, Bob.

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Claire Bee, coach of basketball at Long Island university, gave the most interesting talk ever had at any one of the hoop conference at M.S.C. He talked for 30 minutes or so on his basketball experiences as a coach and player and for the most part had the group in stitches with laughter at his humorous stories. But he had a very serious picture to present in telling how perseverance, confidence and training play an important part in his work at L.I.U.

Bee said that the rules committee should leave the game of basketball alone. "I can see no changes that will benefit basketball any more," he said. "Right now it is a grand game. It has speed, action and plenty of scoring. The fact that it is popular is attested with large crowds all over the country. I see more uniformity in officiating with the gradual increase of intersectional games, and once that becomes generally uniform, Basketball will be the greatest game in the country, if it isn't already."

After his talk at the Lord Jeffery Inn, the group convened at M.S.C., and saw movies of the Long Island games this past winter with Southern California and Oregon university. Then Bee took the M.S.C. court and illustrated fundamentals and general coaching technic, using the State college freshman group on the court in explaining methods of shooting, dribbling, defense and offense. G.S. Mass. State College.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Here you are gentlemen, a new backboard or a set of them, or what have you. This information is submitted by Mr. C.D.Waller - and forwarded by H.E.Foster, Coach of Basketball, University of Wisconsin.

Mr. C. D. Waller's letter

Gentlemen:

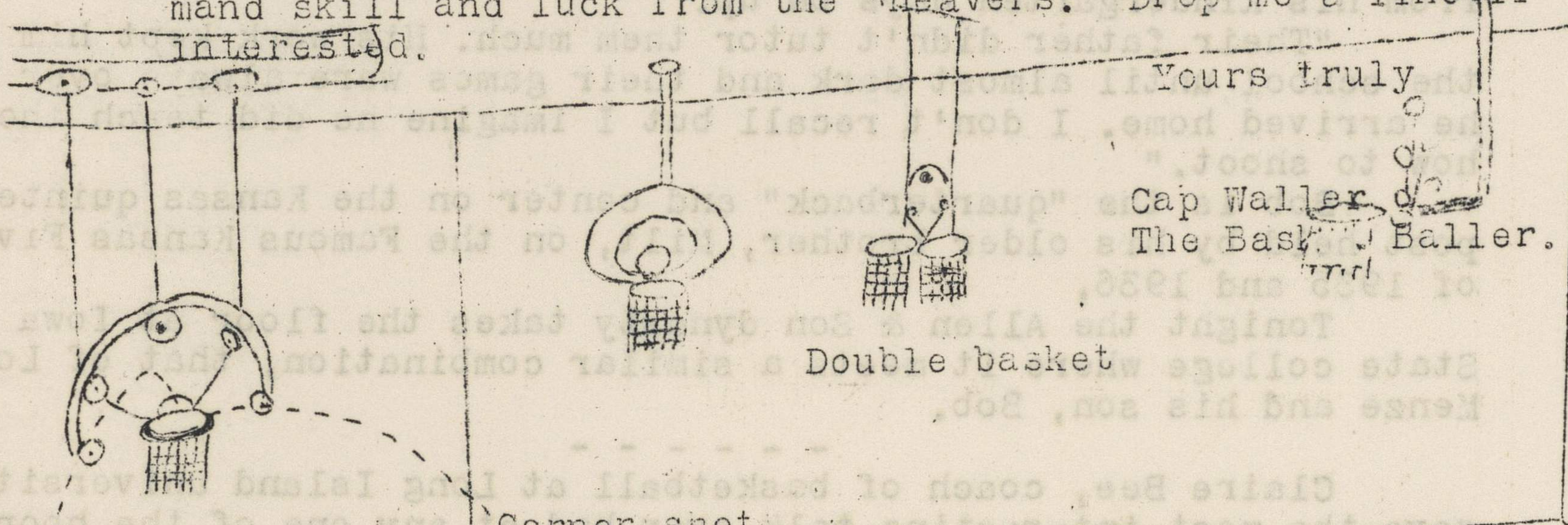
I have a backboard for basketball that requires the skill of marksmanship and luck to make the score and, skill of each palyer on a pivot play. It could be made into a double basket and allow "Pot Luck" scores from the 4-ft zone back-goal, or by chance, every ball that goes through the back basket counts 2 off - 4 off or 6 off the finals. Here in comes the Element of luck or sorrow to the final score.

The new device eliminates the "Old Bumper luck" and demands marksmanship. What I would like to do is let "U of W" put it over, give it a trial, actually play a game or series of games, on the darn thing, and I am sure some brand new "thrills in scores" and yells will develop. I have no money to put it over, but I am sure that a small appropriation on the part of open minded sports will give it a test, and place basketball on a "Hockey - Baseball - 2 to 1 - 4 to 3 - 5 to 0 basis and demand skill and luck from the "heavers." Drop me a line if

interested.

Yours truly

Cap Waller  
The Basket Baller.



Double basket

Corner shot

Back shot

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if any of them  
are any good

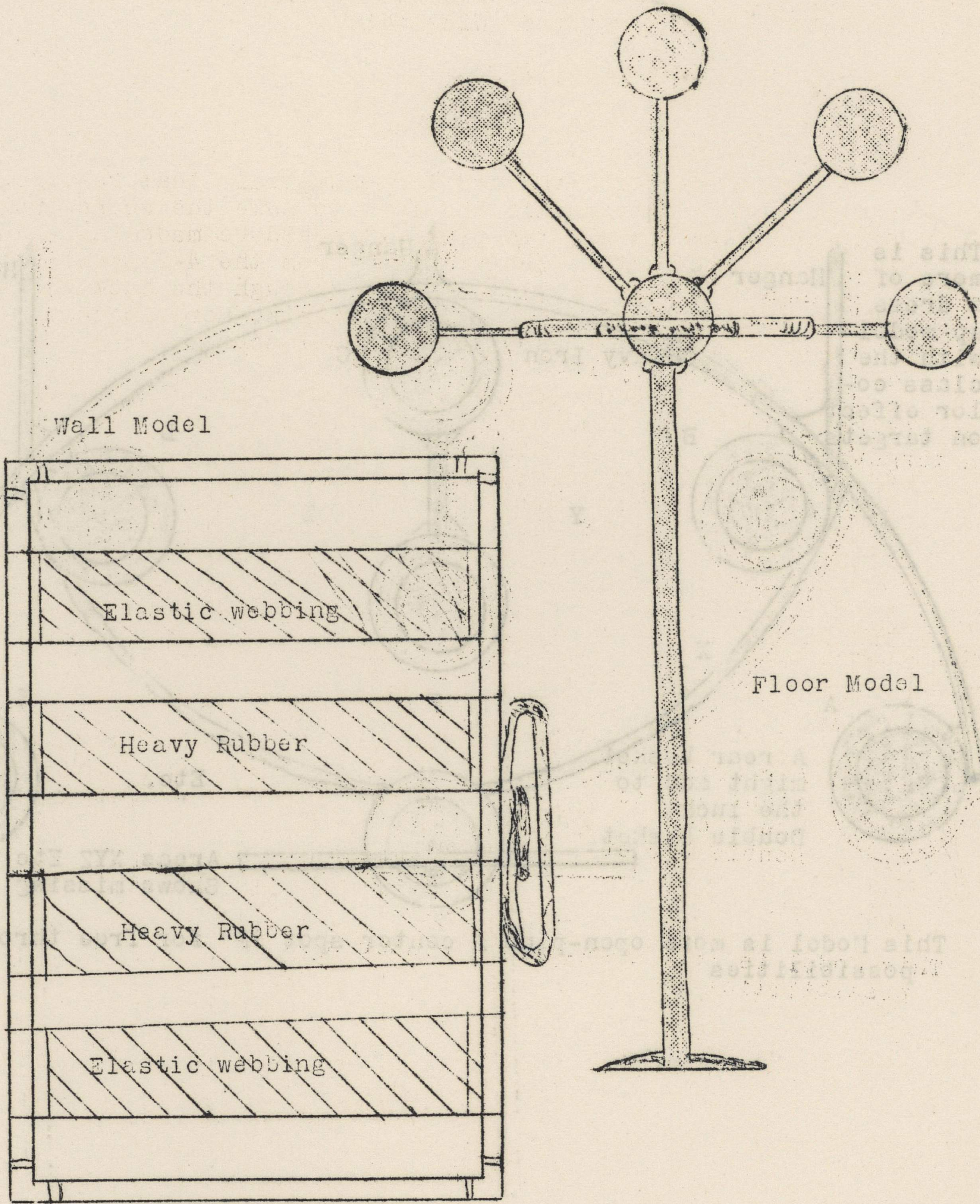


NUTS

Why not invent  
a new game-  
Throw the basket  
over the ball?

*Cap Waller*



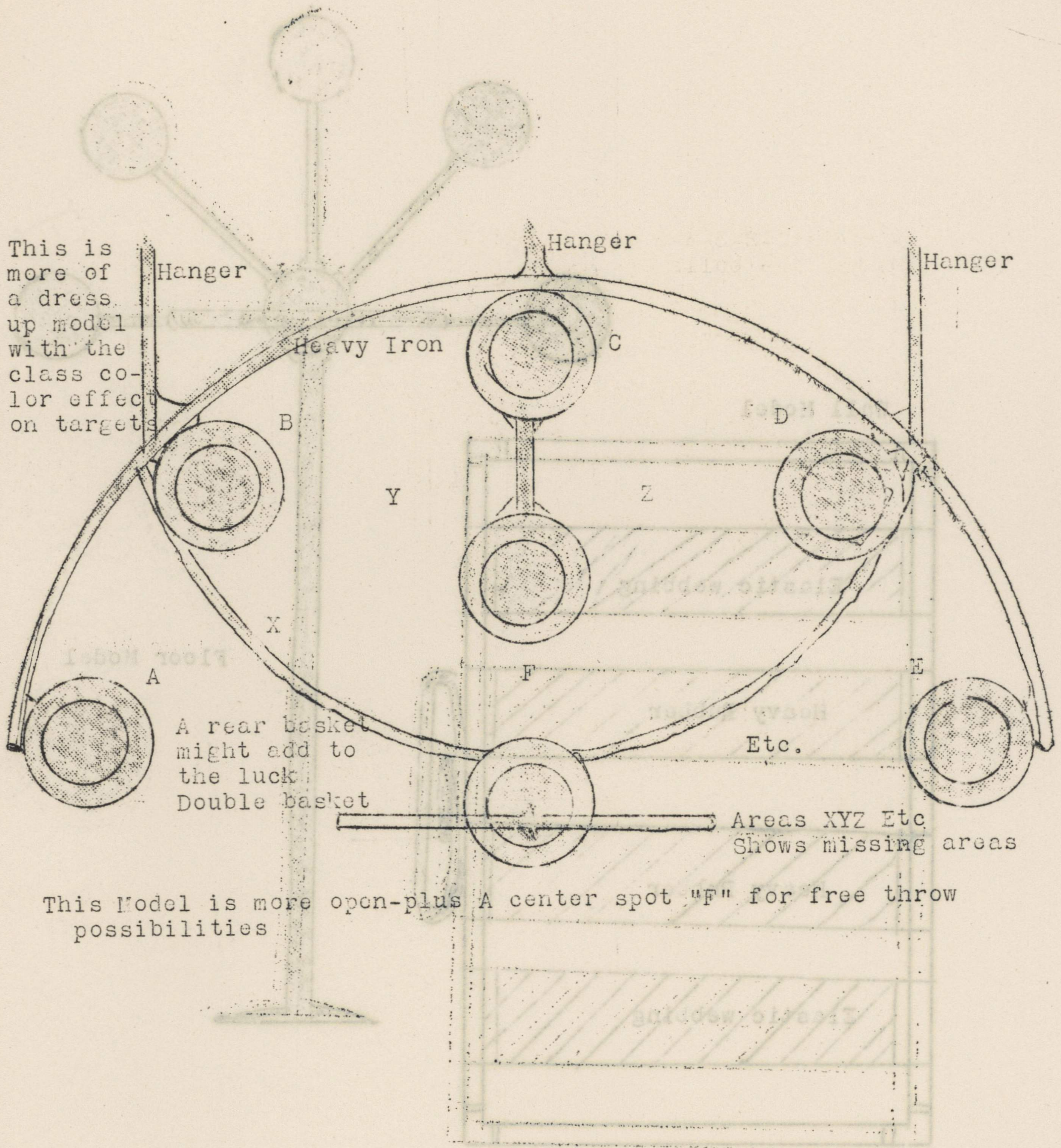


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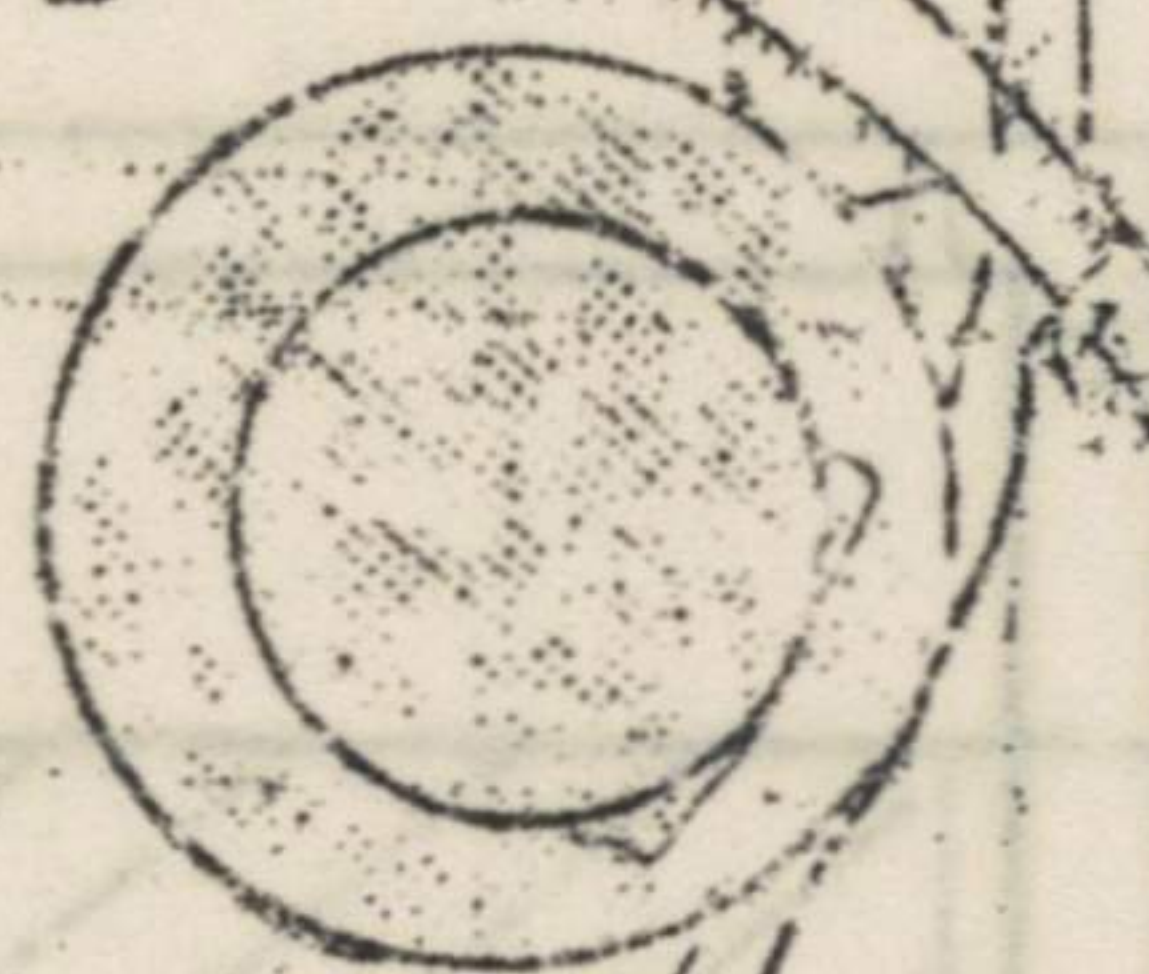
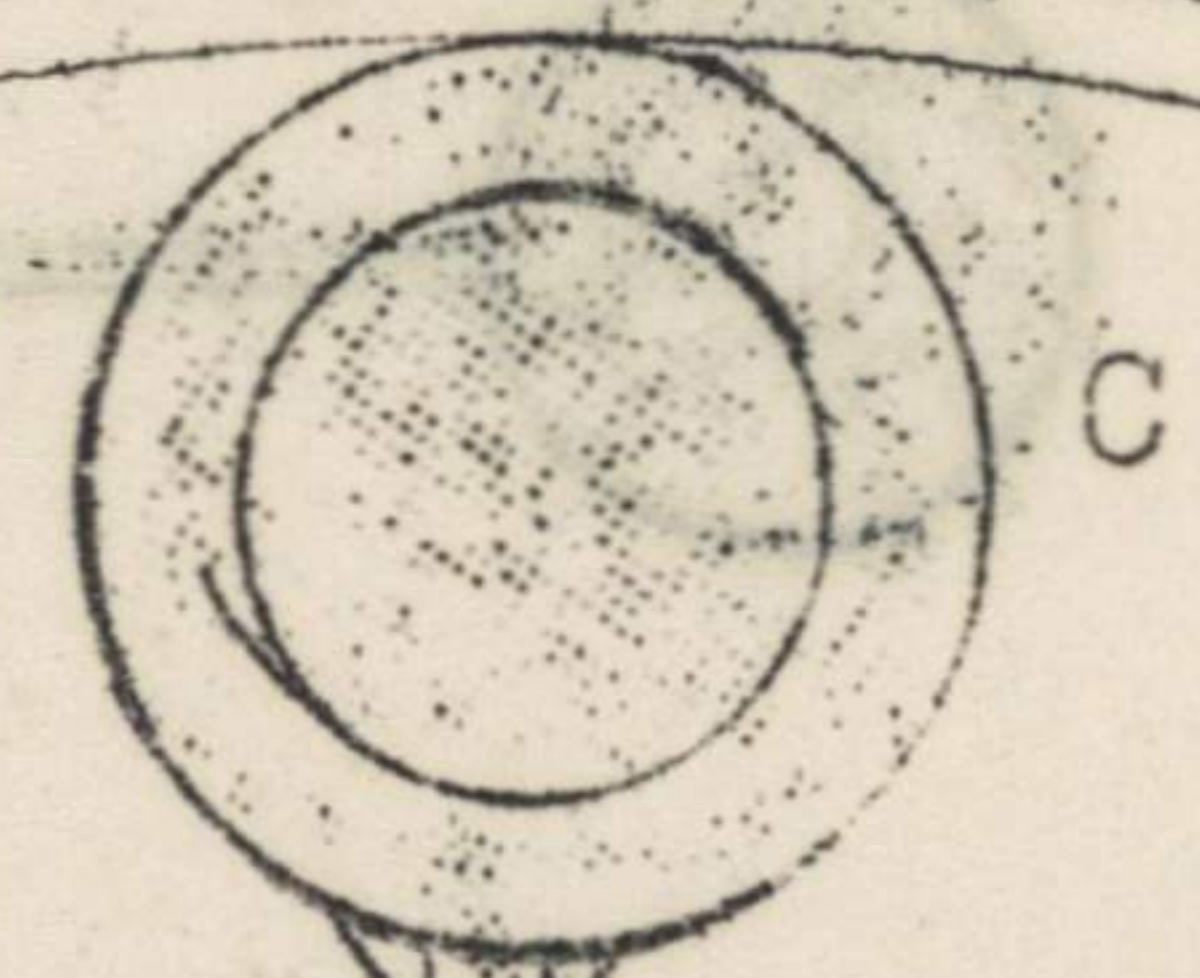
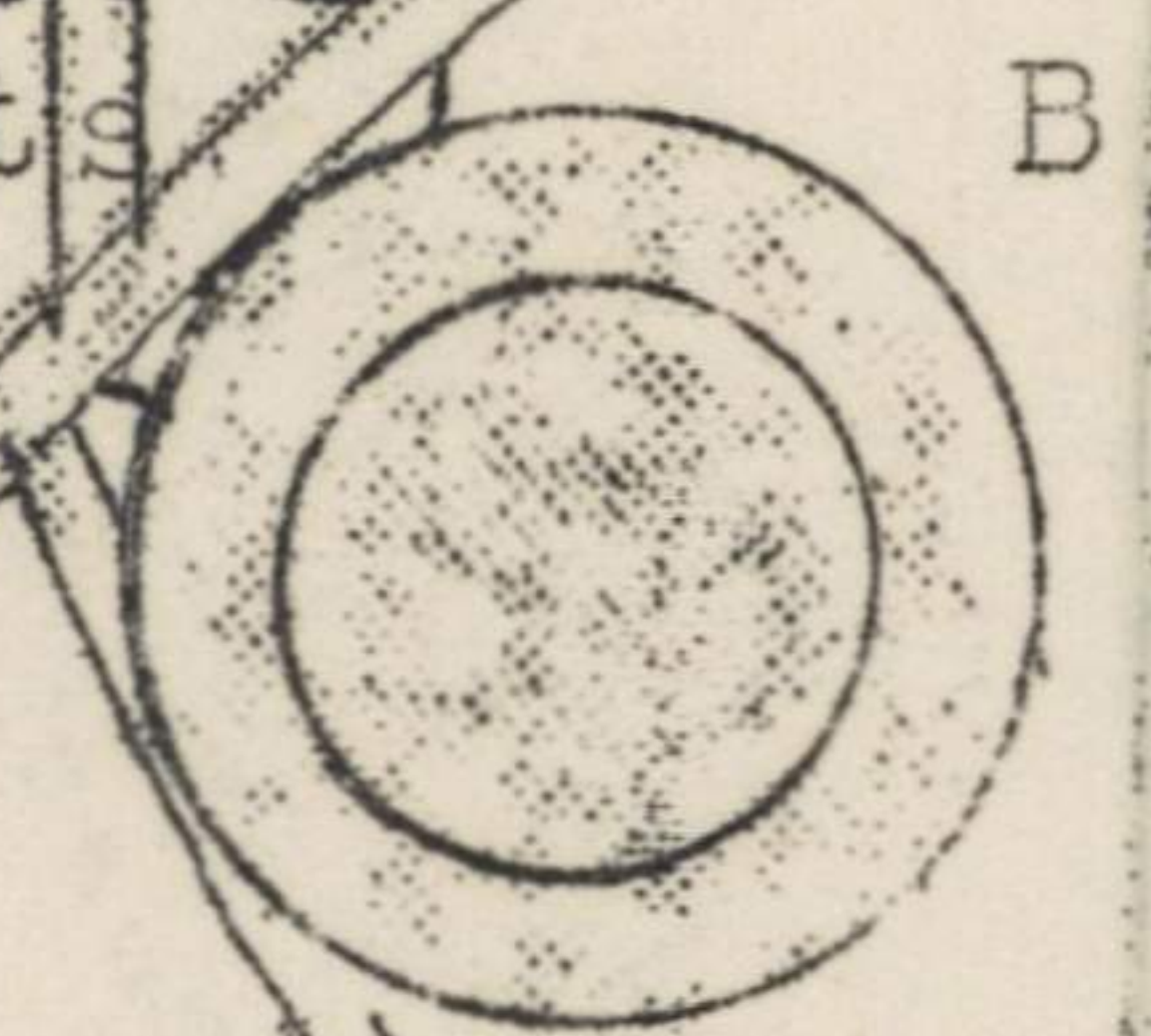
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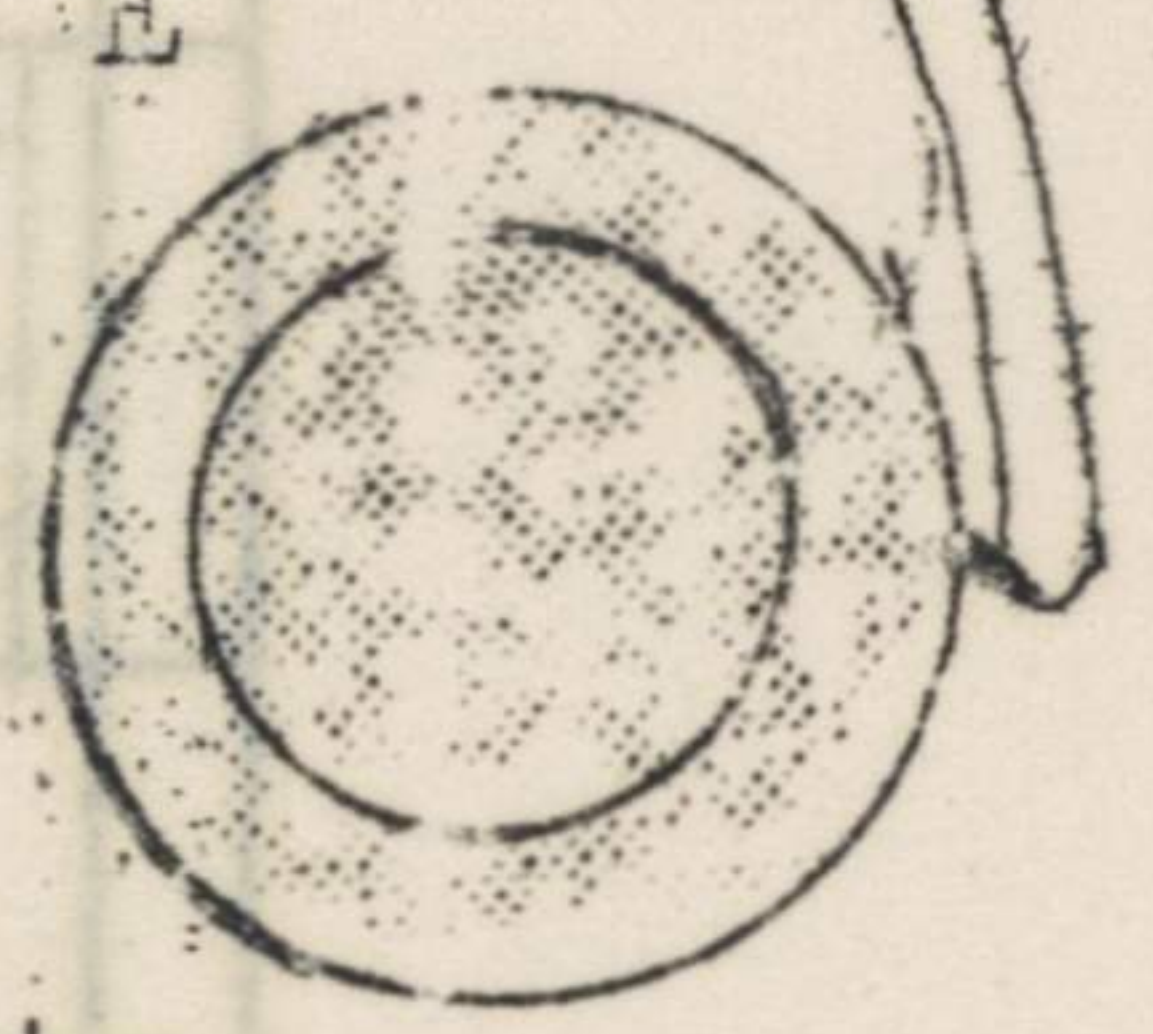
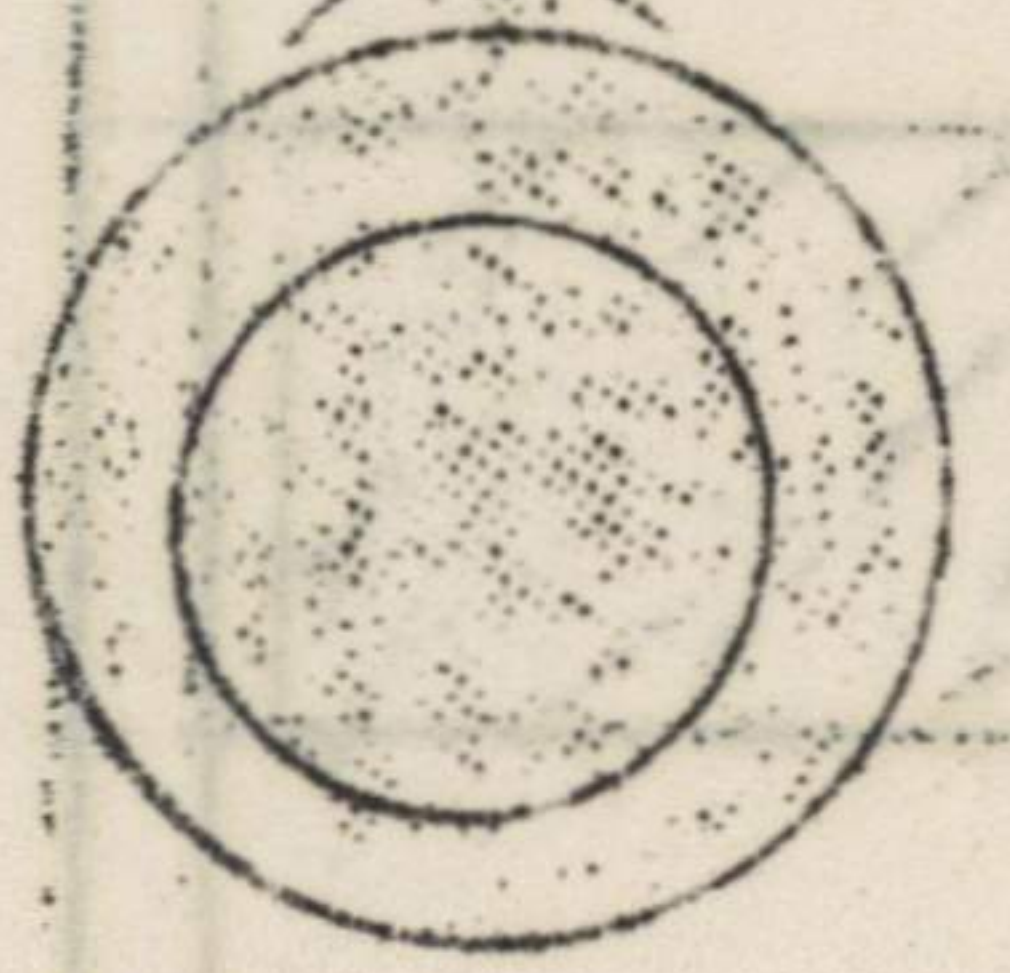
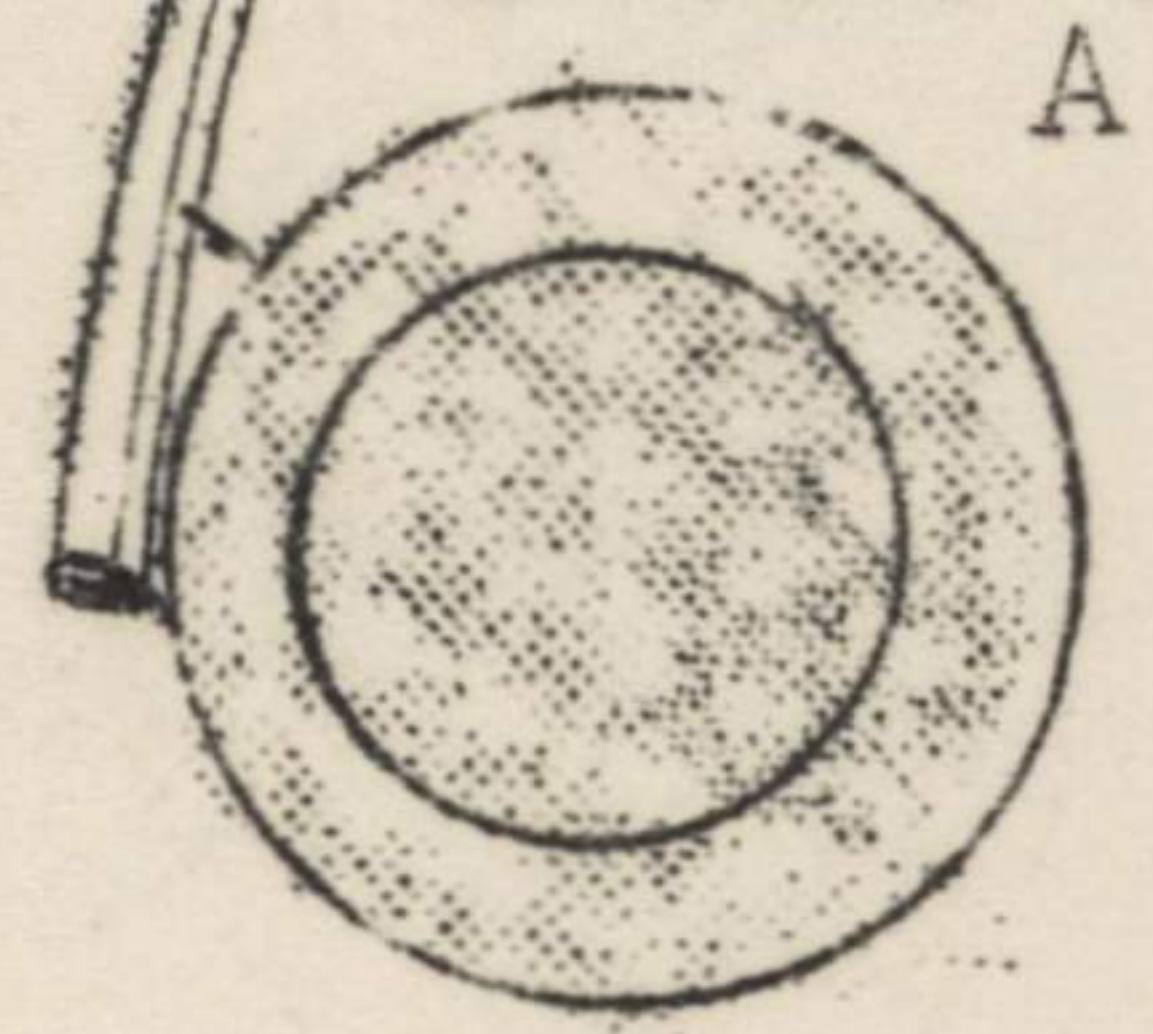
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A rear basket might add to the luck  
Double basket

Etc.

Areas XYZ Etc Shows missing areas

This Model is more open-plus A center spot "F" for free throw possibilities



BASKETBALL RECORDS

First Coach Arranged by 'Lobby'  
for Changes, Tosses in some  
Good Pointers.

By Everett B. Morris.

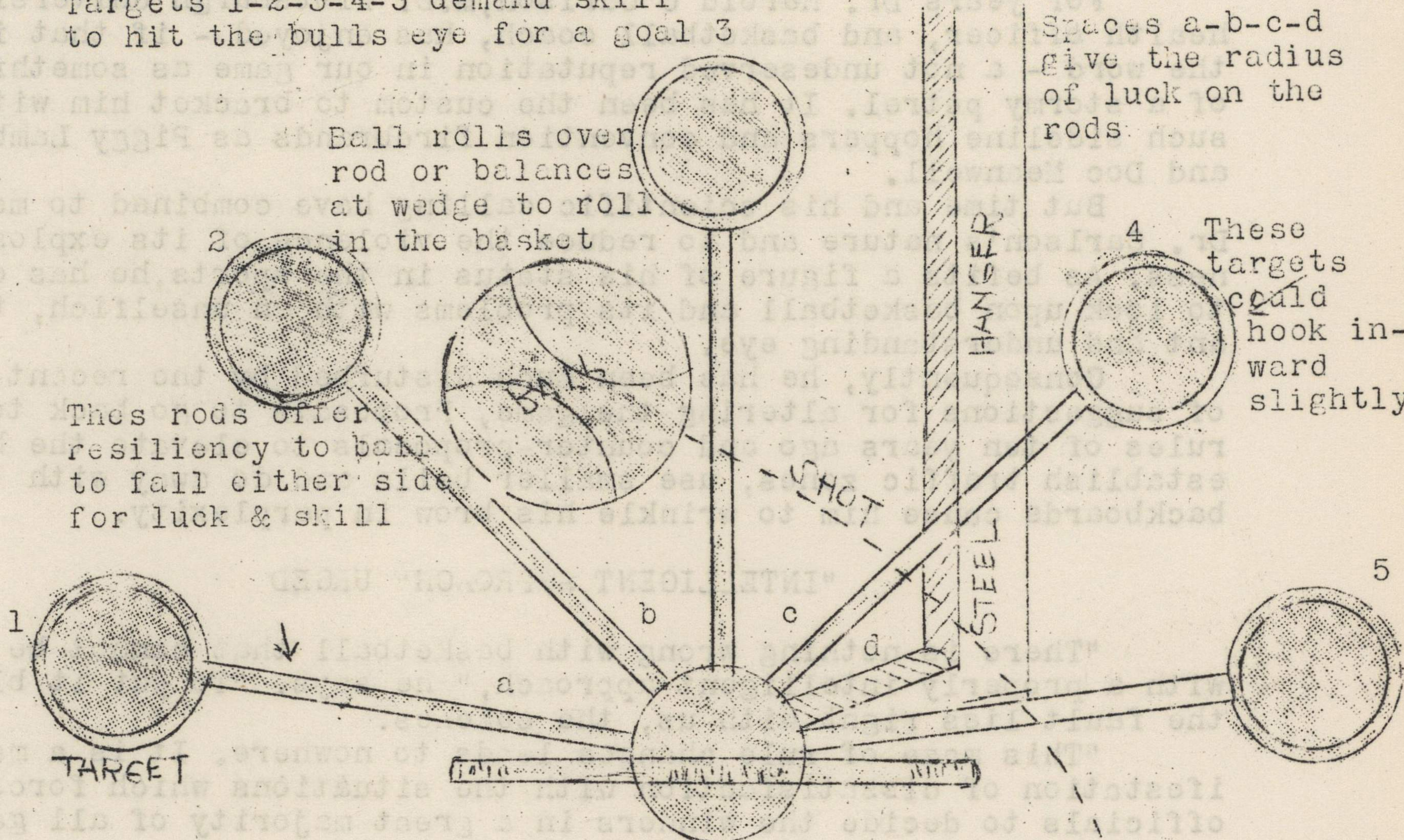
Targets 1-2-3-4-5 demand skill  
to hit the bulls eye for a goal 3

Ball rolls over  
rod or balances  
at wedge to roll  
in the basket

These rods offer  
resiliency to ball  
to fall either side  
for luck & skill

Spaces a-b-c-d  
give the radius  
of luck on the  
rods.

These  
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CEILING MODEL 5 SPOTS-FOR 5 PLAYERS

BEST GUY FOR COACHES

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## BASKETBALL REBCUNDS

Pitt Coach Annoyed by 'Lobby'  
for Changes, Tosses in some  
Good Pointers.

By Everett B. Morris.

For years Dr. Harold C Carlson, M.D. Pittsburgh University's health officer, and basketball coach, has enjoyed - if that is the word - a not undeserved reputation in our game as something of a stormy petrel. It has been the custom to bracket him with such sideline hoppers and convention firebrands as Piggy Lambert and Doc Meanwell.

But time and his scientific calling have combined to mellow Dr. Carlson's nature and to reduce the violence of its explosiveness. As befits a figure of his status in the sports, he has come to look upon basketball and its problems with an unselfish, tolerant and understanding eye.

Consequently, he has been much disturbed by the recent wave of suggestions for altering the game, proposals to go back to the rules of ten years ago and counter-proposals to elevate the baskets, establish traffic zones, use smaller balls and do away with the backboards cause him to wrinkle his brow in perplexity.

### "INTELLIGENT APPROACH" URGED

"There is nothing wrong with basketball that cannot be cured with a properly intelligent approach," he says. "To put it bluntly, the fault lies right with us, the coaches.

"This maze of rule changes leads to nowhere. It is a manifestation of dissatisfaction with the situations which force the officials to decide the winners in a great majority of all games. We should have had the courage and intelligence to face reality when the pivot play crystalized the fundamental issue of contact several years ago. We evaded the issue by restricting areas on the floor rather than defining our game as non-contact. And now we have more territorial claims to cause more wars.

"If we can return to the one fundamental of a non-contact game, most of the complexities will become simplified. The players can and will play a non-contact game if they know what to expect. The officials will not be forced to define the varying degrees of contact. Their work will be comparatively simplified by the persons responsible for the contact.

"Let us begin a campaign to help the officials rather than confound them further."

### REST CURE FOR COACHES

Furthermore, the good doctor has a concrete plan for helping the harried whistle-tocter. He suggests that a coach, instead of putting the blast on referees in the heat of disappointment, after losing games, go home, sleep on his troubles and the next day think the whole matter over rationally. "Then," Dr. Carlson suggests,

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"let him write a letter to the official, constructively criticizing the unsatisfactory phases of his work. And let him send a carbon copy of the letter to the opposing coach and to the head of the league or officials' association. Critical coaches are not likely to be so violent or unfair in their criticism if they know that their colleagues and league officials are going to read the complaints.

"In this way an official can check up on himself. If he receives several complaints of the same nature he will know that some part of his work is fundamentally wrong and will take steps to correct it. Our game is at the mercy of the officials and we must help them all we can. I'm sure that they will appreciate properly expressed and intelligent criticism."

EDITORS NOTE'S.

NEWS.

Panzer College of East Orange, New Jersey has won 40 straight games.

Western Kentucky State won the Southern Intercollegiate title for the fourth straight time, beating Louisiana Normal in the final tournament game.

University of Connecticut and Rhode Island State College put on the greatest offensive show of the year on February 24th Rhode Island winning 102 - 81. The shooting of both teams was remarkable. The return engagement at Storrs, Connecticut on March 9th was won by Rhode Island 49 - 48 in the last second of the game.

Broberg of Dartmouth missed his 46th foul after throwing 45 straight. This young man also broke the Ivy league scoring record.

Coach Mike Brumelow of Texas Christian says "leave the rules alone. I can't think of any changes that would help us." After his team finished last in the Southern Conference for five years.

Coach Harold G. Olsen of Ohio State says "A questionnaire sent to coaches in his area, including Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania shows that the coaches are well satisfied with the rules as they stand. We feel we have a game full of spectators interested, and we want to keep it that way."

By a 2 - 1 vote - Indiana was picked over Purdue for the Middle West representative in the N.C.A.A. tournament.



President Elliott at the banquet given the champion Purdue team said "When we honor athletes let us also honor the student who is inside the athlete. Coach Lambert paid a real tribute to his squad when he said "This may not be the greatest team Purdue has ever had, but it has shown courage that never has been equaled. It could have lost at Michigan, Wisconsin or Illinois, but won on sheer courage.

It is our opinion that spring basketball should be dispensed with altogether. Some day the college authorities are going to get smart and do away with this out of the season stuff.

George Keogan of Notre Dame speaks up and says " Its funny but the middle westerners allowed the Pacific Coast to come along and take the game away from them. Now you'd hardly recognize it as basketball. Its hodge-podge. The boys run up and down the floor and shoot. Why only the other day a fellow who really used to work on his boys told me he had forgotten fundamentals. He said there was no point in wasting time with them now that the game is strictly disorganized, skirmishing. There is no science to basketball, you don't see the finished players, you don't see the fine defensive work that characterized the old game.

Ernest Blook - 63 year old basketball mentor has scored over 1,000 victories. The "Professor" first sprang to fame at Passaic High School where his charges turned 200 victories against one defeat from 1915 to 1925. Passaic held a virtual monopoly on high school championships during that time. In his last years at Passaic his "wonder" teams netted 159 straight. Blook certainly should know a lot of this game's increasing popularity and he expressed a belief that basketball has reached the peak of perfection and he urges that we let the rules stand as they are.

Bill Hapac, the Illinois basketball ace, must be quite a leader, as well as a cager. Most sports writers picked him for the all Big Ten team and its captain, too.

Harry Rabenhorst, coach of Louisiana State University and Johnny Mauer, coach of Tennessee, blasted the glass backboards used in some courts. The former said "When you go out and wheel around it's like looking through a window.

E. C. Quigley, veteran all around official said the Kansas University - Missouri game was one of the best games he ever saw. The fans also thought it was tops for thrills.

In a recent game between Southern California and Stanford - the former team stalled for five minutes to protect a 37 - 32 lead. During the stall Stanford committed six flagrant fouls and U.S.C. refused to try the free throw each time. Was not this rule inserted in the rule book to eliminate this deliberate foul and why was the players not banished from the game?



Fred Hallin, University of Washington, Freshman scored 10 field and 2 fouls out of 12 attempts in a game this last January.

Why should coaches kick against the zone defense. While it slows up the game, we cannot see why it should be blasted out. As long as we live up to the rules, any team should be permitted to use any defense. Some coaches think there should be a gentleman's agreement not to use the zone.

Sports Writer Fox of the Indianapolis Times says "Most baffling about Purdue is its change of pace. One evening the Purdue boys are all over the floor offensively and defensively and then on other occasions they work out their destiny in a brand of ball that is surrounded by serenity."

Whitey Martin, Sports Writer from New York says "that the zone defense is on its way out of college games; that Ned Irish sees quality of basketball better than ever this season and notes the closeness of Intersectional scores tells; and the "Fire Department" style of play is rare nowadays.

Dutch Lenz's Army team defeated Dartmouth at Hanover and this was the first defeat for the Indian champions on their home court in 42 games.

As we read the basketball news from different parts of the country, it is very evident that general roughness is again creeping into the game. The coaches also kick about the inconsistency of the officials. We agree somewhat with the latter statement, but it is not the cause with coaches, themselves. To us if there is contact in this game, a foul should be called whether on the offensive or defensive man. This is up to the official the way he sees it and the officials will be pretty consistent if the coaches back the arbiters on the rules. Some coaches want contact, teach contact, and expect only a few fouls to be called. Let us again warn the coaches that this grand game deteriorated and was nearly obliterated a few years back because of these holding and ruffing teams and the scores were below 20 on each team. We all know that the game does not need a clever player to hold a really skillful one from scoring; but it takes real cleverness to stop an excellent cager from scoring.

Why is scouting becoming as prevalent as football? Here in New England, the opponents know my team better than we do. Not one game, but five and six in succession. Our little note to coaches is that give any coach about 10 skilled players with brains, fairly big and fast, that team will beat you anyway, unless you are their equal in man power.

Paul Hinkle will have complete charge of the N.C.A.A. basketball elimination games. Go to it Paul and we know you will do a fine job.

The Western N.C.A.A. play-offs will be held at Kansas City under the direction of Hog Allen on March 22 and 23rd.



Gordon Gilmore, Sports Writer in speaking of the Minnesota - Wisconsin game mentioned "The game was rougher than sandpaper and sent more players reeling and spinning than the tumbling exhibition between halves. The Badgers showed more disposition toward abusiveness with three of their number in the brig for four personal fouls. This game combined social graces of a backroom brawl with refined elegance of an alley fight .

Western State Teachers of Bowling Green, Kentucky will represent the third district. Western Hilltoppers won their ninth straight Kentucky Intercollegiate Conference championship and also were victorious in the Southern Intercollegiate A. A. for the fourth successive time.

The Madison Square Garden All-American team, picked by the seven metropolitan coaches, from teams appearing there this season is - Ralph Vaughn and Edward Riska of Notre Dame forwards - John Dick of Oregon, center and Jerry Steiner of Butler and Edward Lilkovich of Duquesne at guards.

From California - Those sentimental Stanfords have decreed that number seven (7) jersey immortalized by Angelo Luisetti shall never more be issued and the original jersey, if it can be found, shall be enshrined in the trophy case beside Ernie Nevers' number one (1) football jersey.

They say that Everett Dean of Stanford and Nibs Price of University of California have recommended to the rules committee that the optional foul ruling, permitting out-of-bounds plays instead of a free throw, be junked.

Nat Holman gave a very fine and interesting talk on basketball in Providence, Rhode Island recently. He told the audience how the Celtics played the opponents - viz slow - medium or hard.

#### DANGEROUS FOR SPECTATORS, TOO

Silver Creek, N.Y., Feb. 21 - (AF) - Bees Griewisch, 16, left guard on the Silver Creek High School basketball team, says "sitting on the sidelines is just as dangerous as playing in the game."

Here's why:

Last week, playing against Jamestown High, Griewisch snapped a bone in his left ankle as he scored a basket.

Last night, serving as timekeeper while his teammates played Falconer High, he dislocated his left shoulder as he yanked the bell rope, ending the game.

#### NEWS

Nat Holman will have sufficient copies of his selected bibliography on basketball to give each member attending the Kansas City Convention March 29 - 30. Of course they will be presented with Nats compliments. Be sure and come and get your copy, as this ought to be an added incentive to attend.



AN EAR TO THE GROUND

By Ed Danforth, Sports Editor the  
Atlanta Journal.

BASKETBALL OFFICIATING LESS STRICT;  
More Open Games Promised.

Less whistle blowing in basketball games is a principle that found favor with most coaches and many officials who watched the Southeastern championship tournament recently at Knoxville.

Adolph Rupp, coach at Kentucky, Sam McAllister of Florida, and Johnny, of Tennessee, were leading protagonists of the theory that players prefer that officials be less officious. Everybody, it seems, wants fewer fouls called and more action, even if it approaches the rough and tumble type that marked the game a decade ago.

Bowser Chest, perennial tournament official, was quoted on the subject as follows:

"There's no doubt that the open game is favored by the fans. Of course, we officials have to reach a happy medium in our interpretation of the rules, but the trend certainly is away from strict adherence."

To those robust sentiment' fans shout approval. No one is likely to get hurt in these modern basketball courts where the walls are far back and there is a cushion of spectators to fall upon. So let them rip!

Ho, hum, who remembers those knock-down-and-drag-out games they used to play in the little Atlanta Athletic Club gym? Johnny Graves, Fie Weaver, Scrappy O'Sullivan and their gang used to pitch opposing forwards against the walls and catch them on first bounce, or no count.

Jack Robinson, U.C.L.A.'s tricky sharpshooting forward is 1940 high point champion of the southern division, Pacific Coast Conference, basketball race, with last year's titlist, Ralph Vaughn, U.S.C. forward, in second place.

THEY FORGOT "BUCKY" HAD BEEN A PRO.

(Two baseball writers with the Washington club in its Orlando camp forgot that "Bucky" Harris, the team manager, once played pro basketball ... So they challenged "Bucky" to a free throwing contest in an Orlando gym where the athletes were taking a rainy-day workout. . . Or was it a freezing day? Anyway, "Bucky" collected . . . Or the baseball writers still owe.)

By Al Wold Western Sports Writer.

Have you noticed the disappearance of one of basketball's best plays - the feint and quick-break? One of the high school followers points out that this neat play "ain't what it used to be" because now a player with the ball seldom dares to make that break with the drive of old because he's afraid he'll be charged with committing a charging foul - - And the defending man is afraid as well because in such a break he fears he'll be charged with a blocking foul.



LET A COMMISSIONER OR COMMISSION

SELECT THE OFFICIALS -

By William G. Mokray, Sports  
writer - Kingston, R.I.

Following a close game, or when rival feeling runs especially high, the greatest cry one hears is "Why didn't they hire two GOOD officials!"

Without attempting to criticise officials, it must be said that several close contests are marred by poor refereeing. On the other hand, there have been closely played contests which have been so well handled that, irrespective of the outcome, no one dares accuse a referee of being either partial or incompetent. Instances, such as the latter, however, are less common than the alternate.

How can the officiating problem be improved, then? After closely watching basketball for the past 20 years, both in and outside New England, it appears to me that those who have the say here in New England are too conservative and suspicious and are playing a game that puts the emphasis upon the winning - - at the cost of the individual players, teams, college, students, officials, and, eventually, their very selves!

It seems to me that very few colleges are innocent to such a charge.

If one were to study the newspaper box scores of the various college teams here in New England, he will detect that several enlightening points stand out. In the first place, he'll note that certain colleges make it a point to employ a certain referee or pair of referees at most of their home contests. He'll note that such colleges (and their players, naturally) conform to a game or style of play that appeals to these selected referees.

Hence, a minimum number of fouls. The result? They're hard to defeat at home, and invariably lose or come near losing the moment a new set of officials is encountered.

By no means do I accuse, or infer, in the least, that New England officials are dishonest. In fact, I honestly feel that their integrity is as good as mine.

What we cannot deny is that we are all human!

Let's look at the present set-up of assigning officials to college basketball games here in New England. As a rule, the physical director (graduate manager, or coach) corresponds with officials, asking whether they would come down for such and such a game on such and such a date. It is understood that the two officials, on reporting, will be paid the fee, plus traveling expenses.

Like everyone else, I would like to regard refereeing as a hobby, an official being an individual, who, especially fond of the game, likes to pursue it in the capacity of an umpire. The pay, then, is incidental, being a remuneration for sacrificing an evening to execute his tasks.

However, when refereeing attains a point where an official (or officials) earn, during the winter season, remunerations that go well into three figures, and, in many instances, undoubtedly, far above \$1,000, then we can no longer term it a hobby, but, indeed, "big business."

Continued.



It stands to reason that when you or I can earn hundreds of dollars, or probably more than a \$1,000 over a three-month period, money that comes to us in addition to our weekly earnings, you and I are not going to attempt to diminish this extra coin, if we can help it.

Aren't we, then, at the mercy of the physical director (graduate manager or coach) who hires us from time to time?

What would be our feelings toward a team (at a subsequent game) should its coach display an objection to our officiating?

The answers are obvious, and, being human, you or I would feel as bitter as anyone else -- however fair we would try to be.

Basketball, because of its make-up, probably needs more competent officiating than baseball or football. It needs a system where the physical director (graduate manager or coach) as remote as possible from the officiating element.

Is such a Utopian system possible? I think it is.

It is my belief that if a Commissioner (or a Commission of three) were selected by the New England colleges, empowered to assign all officials to college games, the game will be greatly enhanced. If such a Czar (or a Commission of three) were to perform such assigning roles, the referees would feel that they were the choice, not of the home team, but of BOTH teams, spectators and all. In other words, by popular approval!

None of us even for a moment can imagine that an American League umpire, working at Fenway Park, is an employee of the Boston Red Sox, and, when this same umpire appears at the Yankee Stadium, is a hireling of the New York Yankees! The reasonable explanation is that he receives his pay from headquarters, and not from the contending teams.

In analyzing my suggested plan, let's over-look the element of traveling expenses so that the scheme would be clearer. Under the proposed system, all colleges would forward, at the start of each basketball season, a sum of money covering the cost of officiating. Suppose a college plays 10 home games in a given season and each official receives \$15.00 per contest. The officiating would cost \$300.00 for the season. Upon being advised that a referee worked a contest assigned to him, the Commissioner (Commission of three) will forward him his check for \$15.00. In such an instance, the assignment officials will not regard themselves as employees of the home team, nor look upon their fees as compensation received from the home team, nor fear that, in the face of an honest but adverse decision, the home team will cease accepting him in future contests.

It is interesting to point out that in sectional games, such as those staged at the Madison Square Garden, Philadelphia, etc., the teams don't look upon the referees as employees of their opponents. And undoubtedly, these officials, receiving their fees from a third party, don't give a hoot as to who wins, or how angry this or that coach is! The official tries to do his best because he knows that, if he does his best, the promoter will want him back, irrespective of how many times the "home team" may lose.

Some may say that it would be almost impossible to find a capable Commissioner (or Commission of three) in all New England.

Football has its Commissioner, why can't basketball?

If all New England can't provide one (or a Commission of three) it is a sorrowful state of affairs sorrowful for the manhood of this section, and also of the physical directors (graduate managers, or coaches) for not being able to agree upon either one or three men!



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Mr. Frank W. Keaney,  
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Dear Mr. Keaney:

In response to your inquiry of the first instant, the KansasCity Star, which has a morning edition - the Kansas City Times in the morning - the Star in the afternoon - and Sunday, is considered second only to the New York Times in get-up and readability, and is by far the outstanding newspaper of the middle west. C. E. McBride is the sports editor.

The Kansas City Journal has a large circulation, also, and its sport editor is Parke Carroll, one of the outstanding football and basketball officials in this part of the country. He probably officiates at more basketball games in our Big Six Conference than any one other official. He is especially interested in rules of basketball, and I believe in respect to the most basketball news you would get it from Parke Carroll's sporting comment column.

Personally, if you could stand the strain, I believe it would be well to subscribe to both of these papers, because Mr. McBride is so outstanding. However, I am leaving it to you to do what you think best.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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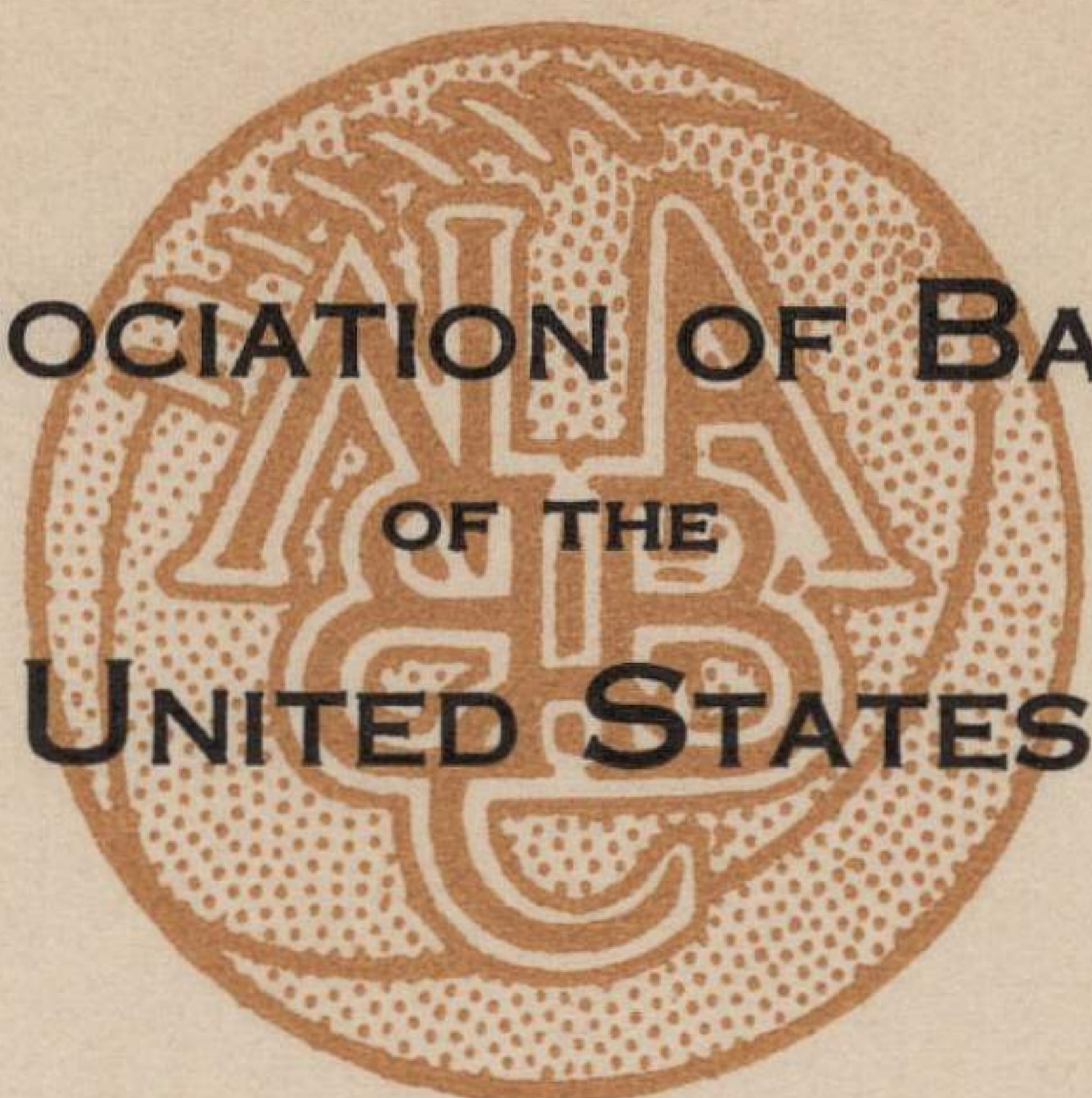


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