

One junior college coach reported that the town team in his community adopted the rule and felt it to be an improvement over the game as they played it when they were in school. He also reported that the high-school players in his community were quite envious because they were not using the new rule. Gym class and playground games have been conducted for years without the use of the center jump.

5. The officials associations on the Pacific coast are all strongly in favor of the new rule. There is a general feeling of relief on the part of the officials to think that they do not have to bother with the center jump. They are glad not to have to handle the ball so much and parade back to the center after each goal. This sentiment is best expressed by those officials who worked in the P.A.A. tournament on the coast. The center jump was used in all games in this tournament because the A.A.U. would also use the center jump in its games at Denver. After working all season without the center jump, they were decidedly against going back to it again. Even the teams listed to play with the tip asked to play without it. The mid-western officials who worked in the games between Stanford University and her opponents where the center jump was not used for at least part of the time expressed themselves as strongly in favor of the new rule with one exception. The exception was Mr. E.C. Quigley, who has steadfastly maintained that there is no need for any rule changes. Here is what these officials say in part:

Mr. Nick Kearns: "Having officiated in over 2,000 games with the jump ball at center and upon experimenting (Mr. Kearns worked the Michigan State-Stanford games in which the center jump was not used, says: "There is no doubt in my mind; the center jump is through as far as basketball is concerned. The games I worked this past season in the Middle West for Stanford proved that elimination of the center jump was vastly in favor with the crowds. The audiences everywhere I officiated were almost unanimous in their votes for this elimination. Without the center jump the game was faster and constantly on the move. This greatly delighted the crowds of people. And don't forget this elimination does away with a great amount of fierce body contact brought into the play to catch the ball at the center jump."

Louis A. House of Kansas City, Missouri, who officiated in the Stanford-White Eagle Oilers game in Kansas City where one half of the game was played without the center jump, says: "I liked very much the play without the center jump. I really believe it a step in the right direction. Have heard much favorable comment on the play."

6. All except three coaches who reported were heartily in favor of the elimination of the center jump. It is interesting to note that two of these gave as their reasons the fact that for the first time they have a tall center who can easily control the tip in their conference and therefore they desire to profit by whatever advantage they may gain thereby.

One junior-college coach commented to the effect that the elimination of the center jump had proved so satisfactory to everyone concerned that he doubted very much whether his conference would use the center jump even though it were not eliminated in the national rules.

Coach Ben F. Van Alstyne of Michigan State commented as follows: "You may quote me as saying that after trying it out we are in favor of not retaining the jump. A majority of the fans also liked this change."