

It is my belief that if coaches would have a more definite and friendly understanding with the officials whom they so kindly hire, our game of basketball would improve rapidly. This friendliness and good will would bring about a resultant good feeling on the part of the players, who by their many remarks and actions can force a crowd to terrific boos that we so often hear during the forty minutes of play.

It is my thought that teams who are fortunate enough to belong to a conference should classify their officials as A, B, and C. The man who has been in the game for a number of years and, in your, opinion, is of the better grade should receive a top fee. The man with less experience and less ability than a Class A man should receive a lesser fee. Beginners should be relegated to the C class. I look at this purely from a business standpoint. If I hired a man tomorrow I would pay him for what I got. If he were young and inexperienced I would start him at a minimum wage. As his knowledge and experience improved, his salary would be increased. I believe this also holds good in basketball because I could not expect from a beginner or from the Class B official what I ought to expect from an old timer.

Many times when an old timer is hooked up with a beginner and the game does not go along smoothly enough for the coach, the coach will address his remarks on certain fouls that are missed to the more experienced official because he is expected to carry the load. Why, then, can't we financially reimburse the old timer for the load he assumes in carrying the beginner ?

I know that, if the bond between basketball coach and official is strengthened it will improve our game with leaps and bounds. The fact that a coach has engaged the man on the floor because he knows him to be honest and to have courage to call what he sees, should be proof enough that the game will be played according to the rules. We admit our mistakes. Should not a coach also on his defense, offense, and substitutions ?

RESULTS OF KANSAS - KANSAS STATE TESTS

The games in which Kansas and Kansas State tested various proposals for rules changes found the two splitting the series. Each team lost its home game. Kansas State won at Lawrence in an overtime contest 39 to 35 while Kansas was the winner at Manhattan 40 to 26.

Votes registered by spectators showed an approval of (1) scoring three points for a field goal; (2) Placing the backboards six feet from the end line; (3) Use of restraining circles for jump balls; (4) Throwing of personal freethrows in the half of the court where the foul was made. Number 3 received only a very small margin of approval while the others were more decisive.

The spectators were almost 3 to 1 opposed to any elevation of the basket