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Basketball in the Eastern Intercollegiate League gives promise of more interesting games than we have had for years due primarily to the fact that about six of the seven teams are very evenly matched. Dartmouth, for example, has played three home games in eight days and every game was decided in the last minute of play, two in the last twenty seconds. The league has swung back from the original two-man official system and while there is the customary kicking about officials, one cannot accuse the league officials of too many technical decisions,

Harvard, the new entry into the league under Wes Fessler is having a bit of difficulty in getting started; it may take them a year or two to get interested in the game but the writer believes they will give plenty of opposition before long, and probably this year. Capacity crowds are attending all games and it may not be long before all the Universities will have to have special field houses for the games. In less than twelve years, five of the six teams have moved from gymnasiums to courts where there is a larger seating capacity. The public is taking the game more seriously each year. A few good basketball newspaper men in the East similar to Alison Danzig and Grantland Rice for football would be one of the greatest things for the game in the east.

Dartmouth, Princeton, Yale, and Pennsylvania all have veteran teams, Cornell and Columbia have several sophomores mingled among some veterans and if they season fast they may upset some of the dope.

Colgate, Syracuse, the New York Conference, New York City and New England are having a big boom in basketball interest and crowds. City College of New York may play Notre Dame in Madison Square Garden for charity. This will draw probably the largest crowd to attend a basketball game in New York.

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The Pacific Coast Conference opened last week with Southern California playing California at Berkeley and Stanford playing U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles. California won the first game by a score of 36-30 and the Trojans came back on Saturday night to win by a lop-sided score of 49-19.

at Los Angeles somewhat the same situation took place with Stanford beating U.C.L.A. 46-25 on Friday night and losing 32-31 Saturday. The opening round of our Conference shows conservatively that the teams are evenly matched this year where heretofore California and Southern California have fought it out for first place for a period of the last five years, while Stanford and U.C.L.A. will have something to say about the race, and it looks like the pennant will go to any one of the four at the present writing. The attendance at the game at Berkeley was 7,500 with more than 5,000 being turned away, while in Los Angeles the crowd was smaller with approximately 4,000.

Statistics so far this year have shown that basket ball is increasing in popularity more than any other intercollegiate sport. Of course, the seasons are shorter than those of the Middle West or East but with the increased interest we believe that the game will be on a par with other sections of the country in a year or two.

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Prominent among the midwestern college circuits are the activities of the Buckeye Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, which includes in its membership six institutions, each maintaining a well equipped athletic organization.

In order that the highest type of intercollegiate athletic competition could be developed, this body was organized on June 2, 1928, by representatives of faculty and athletic departments from Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan, Miami, Wittenberg, Cincinnati, and Denison. Of this group, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio University, Miami, and Cincinnati have retained their original membership. Wittenberg has twice left the league and Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., has replaced Denison.

The old Buckeye Association was first organized in 1925 as an organization within the Ohio Buckeye Conference and competition was carried on with colleges of the association until the fall of 1928. Since its organization, a greater feeling of co-operation, friendship, courtesy, and sportsmanship has been developed and maintained by teams and student bodies of member schools.

The Conference has taken definite forward steps in fostering athletic interests of constituent colleges and universities, including the setting up of scholastic standards for athletic participation, the determining of eligibility regulations, the forming of schedules, the supervising of contests, and the standardizing of awards for athletic competition.

Winners of the basket ball title in the B.A.A. since 1925-26 are: Cincinnati, 1926; Denison, 1927; Cincinnati, 1928; Ohio Wesleyan and Cincinnati, 1929; Ohio Wesleyan and Cincinnati, 1930; Ohio University, 1931; DePauw, 1932; Ohio University and Wittenberg; 1933.

Ohio University placed two men on the All-Buckeye team last year, while Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan, and Marshall were each awarded one position. Competition seems to be getting more difficult each season, with the caliber of courtmen playing in the league consistently improving.