

The forward pass of today is a Naismith innovation. Today it is the most spectacular of all plays on our gridirons.

"The happiest moment of my life", Dr. Naismith said, "came in 1936", when he attended the Olympic games in Berlin and saw the game of basketball played for the first time in the international Olympic competition. The Father of Basketball was sent to Berlin following a drive for funds sponsored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches among spectators, officials and players who wanted to have Dr. Naismith present when the teams of all nations filed in behind their respective flags. Dr. Naismith addressed the assembled players before the start of the tournament, and admitted that in so doing his eyes were misty.

When Dr. Naismith was appraised of the gratuity and affectionate contribution of his friends toward the Olympic trip, his epic statement was, "Do not be afraid to serve humanity and wait for your reward". The words of Kipling seem most fitting to him:

"And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame,  
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame.  
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star,  
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of tthings as they are."

On November 28, 1939, Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of basketball, died at his home in the quiet college town of Lawrence, Kansas. He suffered a critical hemorrhage on November 19, but rallied and returned to his home from the hospital after four days. Two days later he was stricken with a heart attack which resulted in his death.

Dr. Naismith, who fifty years ago gave the game of basketball to the world, was born in Altmonte, Canada, on November 6, 1861. Left an orphan at the age of eight, he made his home with Peter Naismith, a bachelor uncle. He attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and graduated with an A. B. degree in 1887. This was the first of his three degrees. In 1890 he graduated