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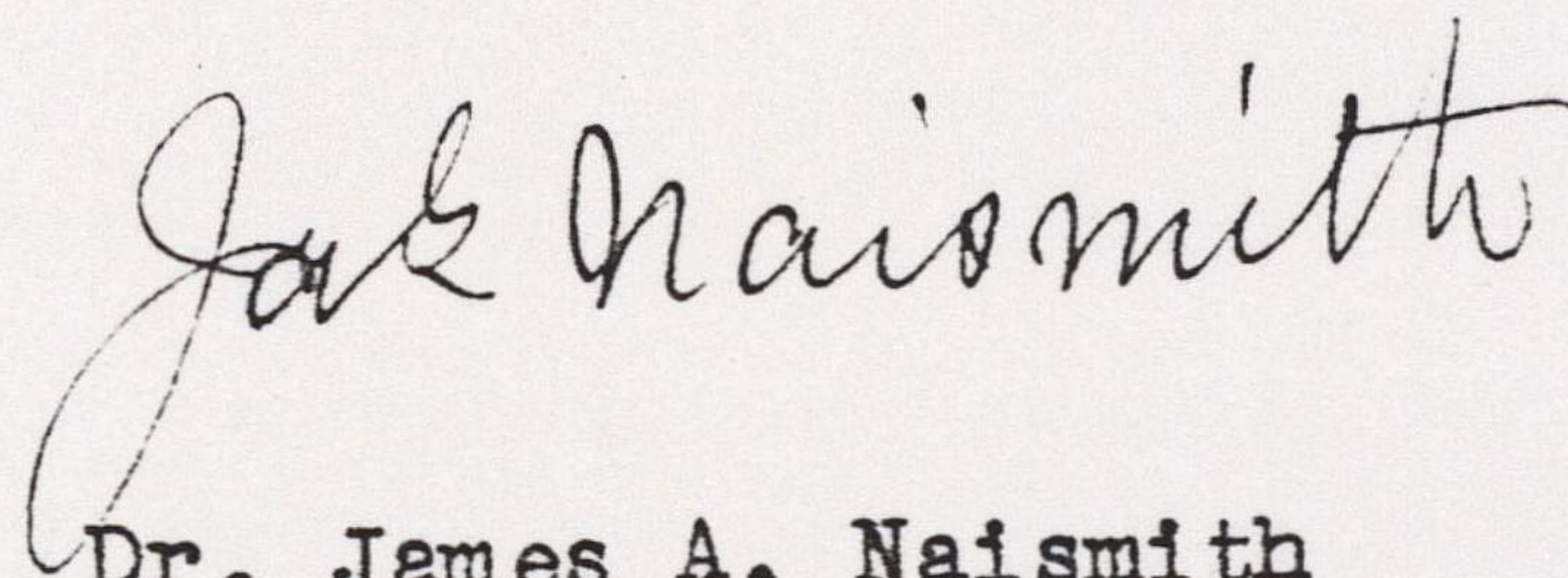
There is a cry going up about games being won by free throws. There is a motion to make the goal count three and the free throw one. This was tried in 1896 and abandoned as it made for more fouls rather than less. Fouls are made to gain an advantage and the team that makes fouls should lose on that account.

The way to keep games from being won on free throws is to keep the players from making fouls. This can be done by the coaches and the officials, rather than by legislation. The first game of the international series had two fouls on the Americans and one on the Canadians. This was due to coaching and strict officiating.

One of the chief sources of fouls is found in the dribble. The dribble was at first a defensive measure to get away from an opponent. Today the dribbler has become so skillful that he practically has the ball in his possession. In which case, he should be prohibited from making progress. Make him responsible for any contact that is not clearly charging on the part of the defense.. The rule in starting the dribble should be adhered to strictly. The ball must leave his hands before the pivot foot leaves the floor. The same could be true of the post play in throwing goal. Charging would be personal contact by the defense when the player with the ball is not in motion.

A fact that is often overlooked is that there is no restriction on blocking a player who has the ball, and any contact made by his movement is clearly on the player in possession of the ball. He can always dribble away from his guard unless he has made a previous dribble.

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