

of the N.C.A.A. representatives to the Rules Committee and the feeling of the N.C.A.A. regarding our problem.

The failure of our representatives on the Rules Committee to give weight to our proposals in the face of our research influenced the committee to study especially the functions of these men. Quoting from Mr. Badger's letter of December 4th: "----- In reply to your specific question relative to the functions of the N.C.A.A. representatives on the National Rules Committee, they represent specifically and solely the colleges and universities of the various districts from which they come. Obviously, the four representatives on the National Committee from the National Federation of High Schools are supposed to represent directly the high schools. Similarly, the three Y.M.C.A. representatives and the two representatives from Canada are supposed to represent respectively their particular institutions and associations.-----Of course, it is perfectly natural for the N.C.A.A. representatives to know something of basketball conditions in their respective areas over and beyond the college game, but primarily are members of the committee as representatives of the colleges and universities as explained."

Further, regarding the problem of equipment, Mr. Badger states: "-----I was interested in reading what you had to say about the findings of your research relative to the molded basketball and the fan-shaped backboard-----I have not had the occasion to look into the source of pressure that has been brought to bear for a general adoption of these products, but it is most certainly true that there is no reason for the group to accept dictation from any other group as to how the college game shall be played or as to what equipment shall be used."

- (2) Present our own Rules Questionnaire to the basketball coaches in every college and university in the United States.

This phase of our work was to be so complete that it would answer the objection that our Association was only a minority of the college coaches of the country. Our 363 returns from 724 questionnaires mailed out represents a more complete return than the 312 colleges listed on the tabulation of the National Basketball Committee.

- (3) The presentation of our recommendations and the findings of the questionnaire to our N.C.A.A. representatives constituted the third step.
- (4) The fourth step was in the presentation of the materials to the National Basketball Committee in their session. This was felt to be an important phase of the relationship.
- (5) An invitation to the members of the National Basketball Committee to attend our convention sessions, especially those dealing with rules proposals. Many of the members attended and gave us the benefit of their experience in helping us to formulate proposals.

The committee feels that these five steps were carried out in proper order and feel that a decided move toward better relationships has been instigated.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Our association should study the methods employed by the National Football Coaches Association relative to their relationships with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.