

but one of the games that we have played to date, and has played a potent part in winning some of them.

In your Sports-Eye of January 28, I think, there is a bit of misunderstanding about the fact that I said there is no rule against Trainer Nesmith shouting advice to the K. U. team. There is such a rule. No one from the bench may shout to men on the floor. What I did say about the remarks was that there is no rule against any of the players immediately communicating with their teammates when they report. Therefore, I said, it would be unnecessary for Trainer Nesmith when he took the water bottle out on the floor to tell the boys what to do because the substitute can immediately communicate with one and all of his players.

In football one play must ensue, but in basketball this is not the rule. As I recall, you had a statement in there that Trainer Nesmith carried loads of information to the team when he carried the water bottle and smelling salts to them, or to that effect. And then I made the statement that if you knew the basketball rules thoroughly enough that you would know it would not be necessary for Dean Nesmith to carry instructions out there because I could tell the players and they could openly tell all their teammates immediately upon reporting.

I was responsible for this being in the rule book - the matter of permitting the substitute to communicate immediately. There had been so many charges that the coach was signalling information by taking three gulps of water, or four, or one, that I thought it so ridiculous that we should remove as much suspicion from the coach's acts as possible. And I raised the question of doing away with all the gossip and talk and unfair communication by permitting the players to immediately communicate. We give a coach too much credit for master-minding. He isn't that intelligent. Therefore, I said, what is wrong with letting all the boys talk to each other. Then the scandal-mongers could not say that the coach was communicating before one play. I also wrote Dana Bible, who was a member of the Football Rules Committee, at Nebraska, and asked him why it could not be put in football. And I might say to my own mind it should even now be put in the rules book in football. But that is none of my affair. I was only endeavoring to remove undue criticism from a good game.

If I have not made myself clear in this matter I will be happy to talk to you at some convenient time, as I am sure that you will understand that the only cause for my comment was not to bear the odium of sending Nesmith out with signals when it was unnecessary and unsportsmanlike.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Varsity Basketball Coach.