

his right foot and try a one hand push shot. Speaking of push shots - do you believe that the shots are really push shots as they formerly were ? Seems to me the boys simply throw the ball and trust to luck.

Just as you wrote in your letters - now that you must give the ball to your opponent after you score there is little or no chance for a team to make a last quarter drive to tie up the score. I may be in error but it appears that you see a good ball game for three quarters but if one team is ahead by eight or nine points the losing team seems to ease up as though realizing that they do not have much chance to tie up that score. Of course, where the game is nip and tuck the teams battle it out to the final gun but in such games the close score does not correctly show the strength of the opposing teams. In many games a team that on the basis of it's personnel should win handily allows the contest to become a tight game because of wild passing and more or less wild shooting. Certainly it must be admitted that the fast break makes for more wild passes - and that much of the time gained thru elimination of the center jump is lost thru having the ball taken offside because of steps, travelling with the ball, etc. Do you agree ?

Another thing I have noticed in the last year is the frequency with which a referee claims that a ball player has made a running start on his dribble. A few years ago such a thing was unheard of.

While high scoring has found considerable public favor if high scoring in itself is all the crowd wants to see then there is no point to paying from \$1.10 to \$2.20 to see outstanding teams run up and down a court because you can go into any church, commercial or industrial league gym and see ten men trying to wear out the old iron hoop.

Although I attend any and all sorts of basketball games I really find the most pleasure in watching the professional teams. They are apparently the only teams that practice set shots and set up scoring plays.

I am enclosing an article recently published in a popular weekly magazine. Seems Mr. Keogan musy have been quite "het up" to utter such scathing remarks.

My work takes me out of town now and then. If I can possibly arrange to do so I'll be at the Stadium when your team plays. If I get out I'll be rooting for you and your boys.

Perhaps you have felt that your Basketball Bible is outmoded. Well to some it may seem that way but I personally feel that teams should spend more time on fundamentals and like it or not they boys I am to coach are going to spend time of fundamentals as outlined in your book.

Cordially yours,

  
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