

RAPS ALLEN'S CAGE PLAN

ELEVATING BASKETS TO TWELVE FEET IS CALLED ABSURD.

Notre Dame Coach Says 10-Second Rule Should Be Abolished if an Improvement Is Sought.

NOTRE DAME, IND., March 20.— Coach George Keogan of the Notre Dame basket ball team brands as



"Phog" Allen.

absurd the proposal of Coach F. C. (Phog) Allen of Kansas to elevate the basket to twelve feet in college competition.

"This proposal is as absurd as the existing 10-second rule," Keogan said yesterday. "If they want to legislate against big men, they can abolish the 10-second rule.

This rule has legislated the uninteresting zone defense into basket ball.

"Big men now jam in under the basket. If the 10-second rule is abolished, these big men will wear themselves out trying to follow the smaller men. The game will become faster and more interesting. Fourteen of the sixteen teams in the Indiana high school tournament used the zone defense, and it was generally agreed that this year's tournament was the least interesting in recent years."

Keogan recommended that fouls in the lower part of the court be not charged against a player as far as his ejection from the game is concerned, or that five fouls be allowed. The player fouled should be allowed to take his free throw as under the present rule. Keogan believes too many good men are ejected from games for harmless fouls.

He also recommended that a large circle be drawn outside the center jump ring and that forwards and guards be kept out of this circle until after the jump. "There is too much jamming around the center circle now, and it slows up the game. Such a rule also would hurt big men," he said.

Keogan's team won twenty of its twenty-four games the last season. All except one of his men were over six feet tall.