

ALL-STEEL BASKETBALL NETS

Mr. Joseph H. Bennett, of Worcester, Mass., has perfected an all-steel basketball net which he asks to have tested by the Research Committee. The argument in favor of the nets is their durability and construction. This type of net causes the ball to drop down directly through the basket rather than going out of bounds at times as heretofore when a high looping shot was made with such force that it carried the ball out of the court. With the cord net, a "swisher" was produced when a long goal was made, but with the all-steel net a "jingle" is produced.

The only objection that we can find to the steel net is the weight of it. When the steel net is attached to the "no-tie" loops, in one case already, the steel loop was broken loose from the mooring of the rim.

The price doubtless will be a determining factor should the nets eventually be approved.

There is one argument in favor of the white cord nets. With the white backboard and a white net the black rim is set off in a more definite contrast -- black against white -- than the shading of the metallic nickel. Perhaps the steel basketball nets could be made white. This will be a minor objection.

There seems to be no objection on the part of the players shooting through this type of net as over and against the traditional cord net.

Mr. Bennett states that he is using two different styles of hooks as fasteners, but until the plain hoops are outlawed completely this is the only fastener that can be used, as it must pass over the top of the old style basket. If the old style basket should ever be outlawed, then the tape or rawhide attachment could be used. Mr. Bennett further states that if the net should be approved he will then be in position to have special hooks made up to fit the "no-tie" basket which seems to be the most popular in all sections of the country.