

times more population than has Kansas.

New York City and the large metropolises have separate high school organizations. New York City alone has 600 basketball teams.

Now, answering your question, "which state is rated as the basketball state of the nation". I am sure that is a very difficult question to answer because most every boy from his favorite state is sure that that state is tops. Indiana has long claimed the honor but that claim comes from Indiana. Her high school association has a ruling which prohibits any of the Indiana high schools from playing any of the other high schools out of the state. This provincial ruling makes a comparison impossible. I do not believe that any state has a monopoly on basketball. There are twenty million people playing basketball in the United States and the attendance has run for several years past the one hundred million mark. There is good basketball played in all states and there is some poor basketball played, but when there is so much interest and enthusiasm the competition is bound to develop to an unusual degree.

I trust that I have given you boys the information you desire. These figures are correct. If there are other items that you would like to have, or if I have not made myself clear, please feel free to write me. It is a pleasure to do anything for you boys in the service.

My kindest regards and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

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