

Realizing the inequalities of rules of the Big-Six that exist between various sports, I desired to distinguish the difference in the rules concerning basketball as legislated by the faculty representatives and directors and the other major sports.

No where in other sports do they discriminate against a particular sport and state that only a certain number of players may be dressed for home games.

Realizing the right of free speech, I dictated a statement to Mr. Horace Mason, our Sports Publicity Director, so that he might give it to the press. I did not blaze away or fire back at anyone. Neither have I changed my idea one iota in regard to the rules discussed. If the directors of the Big-Six worked out a plan and submitted it to the faculty representatives the basketball coaches of the Big-Six did not hear of it. In all previous legislation the general plan has been to at least consult the coaches and get their opinion and if the coaches desire something they appeal to the directors, and then the matter is passed from the directors to the faculty representatives for legislation.

We recognize inherent power of the directors and the faculty representatives to make rules, but the mere flag-saving and lip-service given to President Roosevelt's National Defense Program by college administrators does not strike a very responsive chord, when such legislation as we have mentioned is considered.

In many institutions no money is forthcoming from the athletic department for intramural athletics. As a general practice, many schools speak about the earnings from the athletic department going to intramurals but generally the amount contributed is very small. At our institution not one penny is given by the athletic department toward intramurals because they have their own financial problem.

My intent was constructive criticism and not to stir up malice.

We certainly would have no desire to enter into any personal controversy with our two good friends, Dr. H.H. King and Director M.F. Ahern of Kansas State; however, neither one of them did answer this very pertinent point: Why is it that there is a curtailment on numbers in basketball for home games when no other sport is legislated against by this rule?

Only ten men can be dressed for home basketball games which certainly is a curtailment of numbers in sports.

After this rule with limitations was reemphasized by the directors and faculty representatives, Kansas State was the first to violate the ten-man rule by carrying 15 men to Lawrence. Nebraska was the second by taking a like number to Manhattan, and later in the season the University of Missouri sent 12 men to Lawrence. However, the Missouri people dressed but ten, two of the men being sent as a reward for their service during the season, while the two other institutions dressed 15.

Last night Coach Drake dressed 15 men at Norman but actually played only 10. Personally, so far as I was concerned, he could have played all 15 and I would have offered no objection because certainly this rule is discriminatory and paradoxical.

These are merely statements of facts.