

Naismith And another thing, Dr. Allen - if there was a deviation from this practice by any one team, the opponent would quickly recognize it and call it to the attention of the referee.

Allen Why, certainly they would. No difficulty would be encountered in this regard. But, Doctor, I see that our time is fast drawing to a close.

Naismith But wait a minute - at least we have time for another question, haven't we?

Allen Surely.

Naismith A great deal has been said about the injurious effects of the fast break, especially in league games among junior high schools. Don't you think that they are putting too much stress upon the contest rather than upon the recreative sport and educational factors for the young boys?

Allen Yes, Doctor, Instances of this have come up often in the National Rules discussion. I remember distinctly that Floyd Rowe, director of physical education of the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, submitted a research finding that was done in Cleveland. This research showed that organized league competition actually effected the nervous system of these boys to such an extent that the normal growth was influenced. One group was taken with no special emphasis upon league play and the other group indulged in regular league competition. According to the findings in Cleveland, the regular league competition was very detrimental to high school boys under the old rule, and under the new rule the strenuousness of the game would be increased. I am sure that the authorities who are making surveys would certainly be against this new game on that principle.

Naismith Well, now, isn't this league contest a strain upon the nervous system rather than upon the muscular? And for my part, I think that it would be very much better to limit the league playing or the interscholastic competition in the junior high schools.

Allen- Yes, Doctor, you have hit the nail right on the head, because isn't it true that the nervous system controls the glandular system, and the glandular system determines the growth of the individual?

Naismith That is my idea of it.

Allen By the way, we have Nelson Sullivan, our sports announcer atop Mt. Oread. Sully, you tell the wide world the news, will you?