

NATIONAL BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE

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Gentlemen:

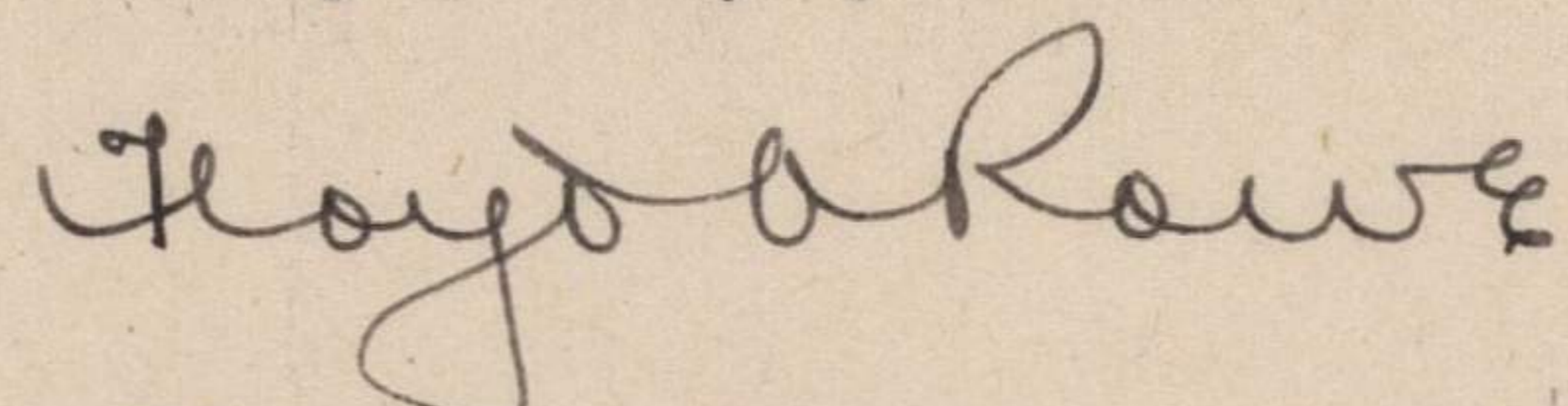
The questionnaires are just beginning to return and there seems to be a rather universal acceptance of the rule changes made by the committee last year.

One exception to this universal acceptance seems to be the five personal fouls. There are a number of the returned questionnaires on which the rather emphatic statement is made that the five personal fouls has increased the roughness of the game. While a large majority of returns as indicated above show acceptance of the change still I thought it might be worthwhile to get some statistics on this one point.

For that reason will you kindly check back through scores for last year and this year and send in at your very earliest convenience, the following bit of statistical evidence for the use of the rules committee, naturally the number of games and whether or not the games are tournament games would have some bearing on the validity of the returns.

What we want is the average number of fouls called per game in the season 1943-44 and the average number of fouls called per game in the season 1944-45. Kindly give information also as to the number of games as well as the average number of fouls and indicate whether these games were tournament games or regularly scheduled games. This information will be of use to the rules committee. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Floyd A. Rowe
Chairman

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