

No Help for Phog

Most Coaches Say Rules Are O. K

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whose teams have finished last in the Southwest conference the last five years, "Leave the rules alone—I can't think of any changes that would help us!"

Allen does not stand absolutely alone in his amazing plan to partition off part of the court. Ken Loeffler of Yale would mark off a semicircle with a 14-foot diameter under the baskets. No player would be permitted to enter this "no man's land" until the ball had touched the hoop or the bank-boards, and then only for about three seconds.

Big Ten Is Satisfied

Diametrically opposed to those "left wingers" was the report of Coach Harold G. Olson of Ohio State:

"A questionnaire sent to coaches in all this area, including Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, shows that the coaches are well satisfied with the rules as they stand. We feel we have a game full of spectator interest, and we want to keep it that way."

There were some minor suggestions that may be incorporated into new rules. Hank Crisp of Alabama and Dutch Lonberg of Northwestern think the game should be slowed up. Stanfield Hitt of Mississippi State believes the out-of-bounds line should be four feet back of the basket instead of two.

No Evidence of Harm

Nibs Price of California and Everett Dean of Stanford find fault with the rule which permits a fouled player to refuse the free throw and take the ball out of bounds. George Edwards of Missouri would increase the size of the hoops.

From William "Bill" Bernlohr, athletic director at Capital university, Columbus, O., and president of the coaches' association of the 20-school Ohio conference, comes this reassuring note:

"Some coaches feel the game is too fast and might prove harmful to the boys. But, so far as we can find, there has been no objective evidence that the game is harmful."