

REDUCING NUMBER OF JUMP BALLS

PROPOSAL: Eliminate the jumps which result from a held ball by giving credit to the defensive player who ties the ball up. Award it at the out of bounds spot to the player who was most recently on the defensive and enters into a held ball situation. When a jump would result from inability of referee to tell who caused it to go out of bounds or because of the location of a ball not in control when play is suspended, award it to the team which was last on the defensive.

DATA AND OBSERVATIONS

GENERAL PROCEDURE: Play a given length of time without jumps and collect data. Reduce number fouls, etc. to number per game of 32 minutes. Compare these data with general average as given in Athlete of April 1939. If possible, use the same teams and officials for a period of play using jumps. Collect similar data and reduce to average per game of 32 minutes.

1. Fouls per game: Without jumps _____
With jumps _____
Athlete Average 20.8

2. Average total score per game: Without jumps _____
With jumps _____
Athlete Average 59.0

3. Number jump balls per game: Without jumps _____
held ball _____
With jumps _____
Athlete Average 20.1

4. No. times per game that held ball occurred _____

In your opinion: Were players in control more careful in preventing held balls?

Did it tend to reduce stalling? _____

Did it tend to scatter play over more of the floor? _____

What are the flaws in the proposal? _____

What are the good points? _____

Signed: _____ School: _____

City and State: _____