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The Rules Body of the National Basketball Committee has suggested that some experimentation should be made along the lines of reduction in size and possible change in shape of the backboard. The purposes of such change might be set forth as follows:

1. Simplification of construction, and consequently reduction in cost of construction through eliminating the necessity for some of the complicated bridgework that is now necessary.
2. Lessening the amount of obstruction in vision from the ends of the court.
3. Increasing the possibility for play behind the plane of the backboard.

It is quite probable that most of us would agree that these objectives are desirable. However, it remains to be determined whether the disadvantages are enough to outweigh the value of these objectives.

I am wondering if the Pacific Coast coaches are thinking of eliminating any part of the backboard. Has this change been brought to their attention? I should also like to know your own reaction to this proposal. What do you think should be done in the way of experimentation?

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

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