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being shot and the ball was two feet above the basket. Dr. Naismith said to the coaches, "When is it that the spectators get the greatest thrill," and a coach replied, "When that old ball goes through the bucket." Dr. Naismith replied, "You are wrong. It is when it is above the basket on its way to the goal and the question is will the ball go through the basket or will it miss.

The uncertainty of the thing - will it or will it not - one set of rooters pulling for it to go through, the other set pulling for it to miss. Isn't that an argument comparable to the jump ball, tip-off or tap in this phase of basket ball.

When the rules will eliminate the jump ball altogether then I would say that I would be consistent and vote for the elimination of the tip-off or jump ball at center.

You are just making another out of bounds play when you give the opponents the ball out of bounds under the basket. You have removed the dash and color and you haven't speeded up the game only you have enabled a team to pass the ball within bounds.

But, the team which has just scored, if it has half-way intelligence, can drop back quickly on defense before the team that has been scored upon recovers the ball and drives down the floor. Certainly no quick break will be permitted by a half-way smart team under such conditions as these.

A quick break is much more thinkable by a defensive guard who recovers the opponents' shot off the back-board and by a semi-long pass to a sleeper team mate or one who has laid back slightly initiated a drive to the basket. And, would a quick break be best by a team that has been scored upon recovering the ball and making the same type of pass?

The defense would be that when the ball starts to go through the hoop, the scoring team senses it immediately and immediately drops back. While in the other case the offensive team would be driving in to follow their rebound and by having a defensive guard recover it, the first offensive team would