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be thrown out of position due to the fact that they are following the ball too closely.

I think you can easily see the contrast.

In my 27 years of coaching experience I have had but two extremely tall centers. I have been able to get the tip-off more times than I have lost it with small centers due to the fact that the other players on my team make a tough scrap for possession of the ball.

I honestly believe that the team without a tall center is a tougher fighting team than a team that possesses a tall center and kids themselves that they can control the tip. The team without the tall center realizes that it must fight for it and puts up a better scrap.

And again, it is not the tall man that beats you at the tip-off in the center of the court but he beats you under either the defensive or offensive basket, - either by batting them away from the goal when they are on their way into the basket or dunking them when he is around the basket.

I would cure all of these ills by raising the college players basket to a height of 12 ft. which really puts the big fellow out of business either under the offensive or defensive basket, but I would leave the high school basket at 10 ft.

Ten years ago there were 6 ft. 5 in. basket ball players. I can now think of three players in the country who are 6 ft. 10 in. and our conference here with six schools in it has three fellows 6 ft. 7 in., several 6 ft. 6 in., two 6 ft. 5½ in. and there are two players within a radius of one hundred miles from here who are 6 ft. 10 in. So you see these fellows can literally stand and dunk the balls into the basket or dedunk them away from the basket.

I think many of the coaches are failing to analyze the real difficulty. It is not the tall player who controls the tip as much as it is the tall player who bothers or aids the ball into the basket by his altitudinous reach.