

ventilated courts. I advise every basket-ball player to stay outdoors as much as is possible.

BIG MEN ARE WANTED.

"I haven't the slightest desire to discourage boys of average height and weight, but I like big men for every position on a basket-ball team. Small men often make competent players, but—everything else being equal—a big man is more valuable as a basket-ball player than is a small man. That's where the West holds an advantage over the East in this game. I don't think that the Western colleges play better basket ball than we do in the East, but they certainly get bigger men. I've been handicapped for the past five years because I've been unable to find a good, tall center. Out West, big, fast men are common—fellows who stand up six feet three or four inches in their socks, and who are really fast on their feet. That's the type of candidate that I would like to see coming out for our squads—but I don't get them, so I have to do the best that I can with the boys I do get.

"A basket-ball team is very seriously handicapped when it is without the services of a tall center—a player who can be depended on to outjump his opponent when the ball is thrown up between them. If the center can do that, four men at once can enter into offensive play. If you have a short center, no matter how good he may be, he is likely to be outjumped by a taller opponent, and in that case you must depend upon your forwards to get the ball.

"Forwards should be good shots from under the basket, and good long shots. They also must be good ball handlers—good, accurate passers, and sure receivers. If they have these qualifications, the bigger they are, the better.

"The qualifications for guards are the same as for forwards, and in addition the good guard has an instinctive ability to follow his man when he is playing on

defense. We use one guard as a safety man on many plays, but there really is no such thing as a purely defensive player in modern basket ball. Every player on the team should be equally good on offense and defense.

SOME OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS.

"Offensive basket-ball formations were introduced in the Middle West several years ago, and now are used in varying degrees by all basket-ball-playing colleges and schools. When you use formations, each man has a definite assignment to carry out, just as each man has a definite assignment to carry out in a football play. When you don't use formations, the play is allowed to develop naturally, each player using his own initiative in working the ball and a player into a scoring position. Each

