



**DR. NAISMITH SCORES A POINT** at his wedding against a group of happy pranksters including two generations of his descendants. The 78-year-old professor emeritus of physical education at the University of Kansas, who invented basketball in 1891, is near the right of the hilarious group, only his laughing countenance visible, as he clutches pink streamers. He had snatched them from the rear bumper of the honeymoon car on pretext of trying his trunk key. This was the beginning of the wedding journey with his bride, the former Mrs. Florence Kincaid (right background), Sigma Phi Epsilon house mother at Lawrence; following the marriage at Overland Park, Kas., recently. Others in the group are (left to right) Mrs. Jack Naismith, holding Jack Naismith, jr., 1½-year-old grandson of the bridegroom; Mrs. Ella Geary, Jack Naismith, Ed Geary, Mrs. T. L. Dawe (back to camera), daughter of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Ed Geary.

Dr. Naismith, professor emeritus at the University of Kansas, where he served as physical education director for 39 years, said the danger was not immediate, and pointed out several improvements which should "put life in the old dog."

"Briefly, the drastic rule changes of 1932 did more harm than anything concocted by the rules-makers since the game was invented," Doctor Naismith said. "Basketball is exceptionally popular. It is played in 58 countries, its rules patterned after those made in the United States, but the 1932 rule changes have nearly ruined it."

*Kansas 1/15/37*  
**Naismith Trophy Fund Established**

Dr. James A. Naismith, professor of physical education and the inventor of basketball, will present a trophy in memory of his late wife to the winner of the national intercollegiate basketball tournament, held annually in Kansas City.

Announcement of the memorial trophy was made by Naismith Sunday at a meeting of the Missouri

Valley Amateur Athletic Union in Kansas City.

Naismith has created a permanent fund for the purchase of the trophy and the fund will be perpetuated by a provision made in his will.

At this same meeting Doctor Naismith was elected first vice-president of the Missouri Valley A.A.U. Ward Haylett, head track coach at Kansas State College, was elected president of the union to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John C. Grover.

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**Naismith, the inventor of basketball, tossed the ball to open the Denver Safeways-Oklahoma City Parks game. Dick Welis, a former K. U. star, is a guard on the Safeway crew.**

At Boulder, Forrest "Frosty" Cox, University of Colorado cage coach and a former K. U. player, entertained Dr. Naismith at the Colorado-Nevada game. Naismith spoke at the half.

In Denver, Dr. Naismith was the guest of the Kiwanis club and he attended two basketball games. On the return trip, Naismith and D'Ambra were guests of Howard Rooney, Dodge City attorney and a former K. U. trackman.

The two Lawrence men were accompanied to Colorado by Dr. Naismith's daughter, Mrs. George Stanley of Ordway, Colo., and her son, James N. Stanley, a student at Oread training school.

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**HONOR TWO DOCTORS**

James A. Naismith and E. R. Keith Get Life Memberships

Certificates emblematic of life membership in the Douglas County Medical Society and the Kansas Medical Society were presented to Dr. James A. Naismith at a meeting of the county group at Lawrence Memorial hospital last night. Similar certificates were presented today to Dr. E. R. Keith who was unable to attend the meeting last night.

In December the Douglas County Medical Society voted life memberships to the two men. Such an honor automatically gives them life membership in the state and national societies.

Lawrence pharmacists were guests of the physicians last night and furnished the program for the meeting. A paper written by Walter Varnum, secretary of the state pharmacy board, was read by Mrs. Virginia Bentz, assistant to Varnum. L. D. Havenhill, dean of the school of pharmacy at K. U., and Jay Sutton, of the Rexall drug store, were other speakers.

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**Nervous Strain Is High In Sport, Naismith Says**

Nervous strain is worse than physical strain, as developed in highly competitive sports, according to Dr. James Naismith, and Dr. Forrest C. Allen, his interviewer on a KFKU radio program, agreed.

"Nervous tension affects the glands, and the glands affect growth," said Dr. Allen. "That is why highly competitive games are bad for the high school and junior high school boy. He can recuperate well enough from the physical strain, but the nervous strain is more lasting."

"I am afraid we put too much of the competitive and not enough of the recreational into all our sports," said Dr. Naismith. "We play to win too much; we play for the exercise too little."

The point came up in discussion of "Tipless Basketball." Dr. Naismith, as originator of the game, objected to the practical elimination of the center jump, as taking from the game one of its thrilling features. "The center jump is the only play that makes use of the whole court," said Dr. Naismith. "All other play is restricted to the forward half of the court." He predicted that the center jump would be restored to the game, just as the kick-off was restored to football after being outlawed for a year or two.

Dr. Allen, as a member of the national basketball rules body, defended the rule, at least for thoro trial purposes. "Some of us on the rules body wanted to keep the center jump," he said. "However, we were in the minority, so we string along with the rest, and give the new rule a fair test."

Dr. Allen suggested that the remedy for ills arising from undue attention to tall center players might be met, either by raising the baskets to a point more than 10 feet from the floor, and by rotating

the pairs of players to jump at center. He suggested the players might have their jumping order, just as the baseball players have their batting order. Baseball players are coached to come up in a given order; basketball players

could be coached in the same way, he said.

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**Dr. Naismith to Speak to Historical Society**

Dr. James Naismith will be the speaker at a Kansas Day meeting of the Douglas County Historical Society to be held Friday afternoon, January 28, at 3:30 o'clock at the Junior high school building at the southeast corner of Ninth and Kentucky streets.

All persons interested are urged to come to the meeting, whether they are members of the historical society or not. Mrs. E. F. Huddleston is chairman of the committee in charge of the meeting.

An exhibit table will be a feature of the meeting, and anyone desiring to do so is invited to bring historical articles for showing on this table, and to give brief talks concerning the articles.

*Kansas 1/19/37*  
**Naismith and K. U. Break into Print With Pictures**

The University and Dr. James Naismith, 76-year-old professor emeritus of the University, broke into the rotogravure section of the Washington Star Sunday with four pictures.

Dr. Naismith, who invented basketball and was manager of the original team here in 1891 couldn't have guessed the popularity the game would attain.

The Washington Star showed the heights to which basketball had climbed in contrast to its beginning at Kansas. It included a snapshot of Dr. Naismith with mention of his achievements, and pictures of the original five-man squad of this University, the five women believed to be the first girls' basketball quintet in the world, and a 1903 Kansas basketball team.

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**Dr. Naismith Fears Changes**

St. Louis, Dec. 2.—(UP)—Dr. James A. Naismith, 76-year-old father of basketball, said today that coaches and rules-makers are taking the game he invented 46 years ago for a one-way ride on the road to ruin.

