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Duck Tracks

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Tired of watching Oregon lose basketball games on free throws - - and feel let down when the Ducks win that way? Get bored with the endless processions from one end of the court to the other? Want to strangle the referees in their own whistle cords after every game? That's approximately how Adolph Rupp, Kentucky's fiery and effective basketball coach, feels about the way present rules and refereeing are cutting spectator interest.

Mostly, Rupp is mad at the bonus free throw rule. In Tom Duncan's AP story from Lexington, Rupp made the statement that the bonus rule "has no place in a competitive game." He commends the Big Ten for their step towards getting rid of the rule by putting it into effect only after the first six fouls committed by a team in the half.

But Rupp wants, eventually, to go much further than that. He wants complete elimination of the "one-and-one." He wants offensive fouls to again be penalized by loss of the ball. He wants all non-shooting fouls penalized by one shot only, and he would prefer that referees overlook the "pitty-pat" backcourt fouls that, when called, slow down a game so badly.

24 Seconds to Shoot?

And he outspoken Mr. Rupp doesn't stop with the foul situation in his analysis of the faults that mar spectator interest. The 24-second rule of the pros interests him greatly. He'd like to see the elimination of stalling and to shoot within 24 seconds - - which also would run scores up sky-high and do away with the slow-break offense.

We, also, would like to see a speedy elimination of the one-and-one foul shot, which seems to defeat the whole purpose of the game. Sure, the bonus shot has cut down on fouls. For the fifth straight year, fouling in the nation's intercollegiate competition has dropped, and there have been fewer whistles blown per game than in the last 10 years.

But the bonus shot has taken the emphasis away from play-making and smart ball-handling to produce the scoring. It's not unusual now to see free throws account for over half a team's point production in an evening. The bad features offset the good, as far as we're concerned. However we don't go along with the 24-second idea very long. Granted, it would speed up play and produce higher-scoring games.

Quality, Not Quantity, Thanks

But this is college basketball, not professional. The killing pace of constant fast breaking would, we think, force coaches to rely more heavily on the reserves. And that's like two-platoon football; it's fine for the schools who have the manpower, but it puts the smaller institution at a definite disadvantage. Besides, spectator interest, we're firmly convinced, comes from the quality of the basketball players, not the speed with which they get rid of the ball. Maybe the 24-second rule could be put into effect in the final four minutes of the game, making it impossible to stall out an undeserved victory.

Aussie Tops Swim Marks

BRISBANE (AP)—John Devitt, one of the less heralded of Australia's Olympic swimmers, shattered three world freestyle records in a special event at the Queensland Championships Monday night.

Swimming in a 100-meters event at the Brisbane 50 meter pool, the 19-year-old DeVitt bettered long course marks for both 100 meters and 100 yards and the short course standard for 100 meters.

His times were 49.1 seconds for

100 yards and 54.6 seconds for 100 meters.

Australia's Jon Henrick holds the listed long course records for both distances—59.9 and 55.4. Dick Cleveland of Hawaii and Ohio State University held the 100 meters world record for a 25-meter (short course) pool, 54.8 set at New Haven, Conn., April 1, 1954.

The short course ordinarily produces fasted clocking because the swimmers have the advantage of two extra turns.

'Mural Hoopers Cop Easy Wins

Everything went just about as expected along the intra mural basketball front yesterday afternoon as a pair of heavily favored Stafford and Sheldon Hall Class B quintets registered lopsided victories in the day's only action.

The already sparse three game slate was cut down to even more limited proportions when Tau Kappa Epsilon lost to unbeaten Hale Kane via a forfeit ruling. The win kept the Hale Kane "B" entry in a first place deadlock and now leaves only the Legal Eagles between them and a playoff berth.

Stafford Triumphs

Stafford evened its record at a win and a loss by smothering Cherney Hall five 32-8.

Oddly enough, the Stafford contingent racked up the victory in a unique sort of way. The winners were treated to distinct advantage right off the bat when Cherney could field only a four man squad. And from then on, Stafford showed every intention of capitalizing on the break.

Nevertheless, Stafford was a little slow breaking into the scoring column. It wasn't until Dick McKinney connected on a short push shot midway in the first quarter that either team showed any signs of life. But after that there was never any doubt as to who was in charge.

Center Larry Cox paced Stafford with ten points while Jerry Kenyon and Steve Reed, both substitutes, weren't far behind with six apiece.

All but two of the losers net total came in the first half and even then they couldn't seem to meet any success while setting up their offensive patterns.

Box score:
Cherney (8) F (32) Stafford
Storm F (2) Alford
Soward F Hutchins
McKinney (4) C (10) Cox
Scott (4) G (2) Bosworth
Parker G (4) Bernick
Halftime score: Stafford Hall 13, Cherney 6.

Scoring subs: Cherney—None
Stafford—Grebe (2), Kenyon (6), Reed (6).

Sheldon Wins

In what turned out to be the nightcap, Sheldon Hall coach Bob Walker borrowed a thing or two from his football counterparts when he effectively employed the platoon system to down Alpha Hall, 37-19.

After his starting combination had gone out and got him a 11-0 lead in the opening period, Walker brought in an entire new

team in both the second and third quarters.

Obviously, the move met with quite a bit of success; by the time the regulars returned in the fourth quarter the game was all tucked away in Sheldon's back pocket.

With its 14 man squad, Sheldon kept its fast break style of attack always on the go and eventually ran down the Alpha entry, which was forced to go all the way with its staring five.

For the winners, bespectacled center Don Richey led the way with eight points.

Alpha's post man, Dale Stickle, notched eight points to tie Richey for high point honors.

It was Sheldon's second consecutive win and like Hale Kane kept them right at the top of the heap in the run for the Class B championship.

Box score:
Sheldon (37) F (19) Alpha
Britton F (1) Swift
Dunn F (4) Young
Richey (8) C (8) Stickle
Rempfer (5) G Kuykendall
Hiatt (2) G (6) Sommer
Halftime score: Sheldon Hall 17, Alpha 10.

Scoring subs: Sheldon—Rhule (6), Turner (2), Lindbloom (4), Hollister (2), Brownie (2), Elliot (2), Phillips (4); Alpha None.

In handball action, Kappa Sigma advanced to the quarter-finals of the three week-old tournament by trouncing the Legal Eagles on a forfeit, 3-0.

Order of the O Meets Wednesday

The Order of the O will meet at Sigma Chi Wednesday at noon according to Letterman president Chuck Austin.

All new members are requested to bring their membership fee. Those who have not been initiated can be initiated at the meeting Wednesday.

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