

"Dunk" to be allowed in college basketball

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The dunk shot, considered to be the most exciting shot in basketball but also the most controversial, is now back.

The National Basketball Rules Committee voted Wednesday in Philadelphia to allow the dunk in college and high school basketball next season. The crowd-pleasing shot returns after it was ruled illegal in a controversial vote during the 1966-67 season when Lew Alcindor dominated college basketball.

Oregon's 6-10 freshman center Dan Hartshorne was — to put it mildly — pleased about the ruling.

"I think it's the greatest thing that ever happened to college basketball," said a smiling Hartshorne. "It'll make it a lot tougher underneath because there will be a lot of people over the rim, but it'll add a lot of excitement to the game."

Producing oohs from crowds isn't the only reason Hartshorne likes the dunk. He also feels it can be used as a training method.

"I use it a lot now and it really helps me to get higher over the rim," he said.

That particular benefit of the dunk was one reason why 6-5 Ernie Kent shrieked with joy upon hearing the ruling. The junior guard sat out this year because of a knee injury, and has used the shot to get his knee back in shape.

"Oh wow, I just got through dunking about 30 today!" gleamed Kent. "I wish you

could've seen me today because it really helps me. I'll take the ball under the basket and dunk it 15 or 20 times in a row."

"It gives a player the confidence of knowing he can jump. He gets a feeling of power when he gets in his mind that he can go up stronger and harder."

Kent was known as "Million Moves" while playing in high school at Rockford, Ill., and dunking aided his game a great deal.

"I'm considered a little guy," he said, "but in high school and on the playgrounds a lot of my shots ended up in dunks. Once I got in college I had to learn to control myself when I got up in the air so I could lay the ball up. I've missed a lot of shots worrying about putting it up just right."

Even though Kent thinks the dunk will aid the little man, he still feels the tall trees underneath will benefit the most.

"It'll really help the big men," he said. "I bet they're tired of jumping up and worrying whether a little guy is going to up and block it."

In previous years, the dunk shot resulted in a technical foul at all times. Now, the technical will be assessed only if the shot is used during warm-ups or halftime.

Oregon State Coach Ralph Miller doesn't feel it will change the game much, but he still sees positive factors in the ruling.

"Throughout this period, we've never taken the dunk out of practice drills or scrimmages," he said. "The kids like to do it. We think it gives them added incentive, and gives them extra spring in jumping."

"If they (the rules committee) wanted to stop dunking," he continued, "they should have raised the baskets."

Through all the jubilation about the ruling, Oregon's All-conference forward Greg Ballard sees a negative side to it.

"My biggest concern is the possible delay-of-game or injury to a ball player," said the 6-7 Ballard. "You can hurt your wrist slamming it against the rim or can turn your knee if you come down wrong."

"Overall, however, I think it may be healthy stimulation for the crowd."

Hartshorne, however, doesn't feel injuries will be too big of a problem.

"Sure you can get hurt," he said. "But players have to watch themselves, and I think players are smart enough not to try something they can't do."

Oregon Coach Dick Harter is currently recruiting in Los Angeles, and couldn't be reached for comment. As far as benefits go, Kent doesn't feel the dunk will give a team much of an edge.

"A good defense will always take it away," he said.

The 23-man committee also made two other rulings at the end

of the two-day meeting. Two free throws instead of one will be awarded a team when an opposing coach receives a technical foul for a conduct violation. An appropriations program has also been approved to upgrade the quality of

officiating in three areas: holding violations, acting fouls and delay-of-game penalties during free throws and throw ins.

As it will happen many times next year, however, the slam dunk caused the most noise.

Portfolio

Lacross team to host Seattle

The University lacross club will host the Seattle lacross club at 1 p.m. Saturday on the field at 18th and Agate. Oregon and Seattle tied for second place in the Pacific Northwest Lacross Association last year.

12 Duck gymnasts at nationals

Seven Oregon men and five Duck women start competition today in separate national gymnastics meets.

The seven men—Bob Rikli, Scott McEldowney, Don Lester, Mike Blumenstein, Mark Stone, Tom Truedson and Curt Rodgers — will be at Temple University in Philadelphia along with coach Bill Ballester for the NCAA Championships.

Oregon will send a team of five to the Association for Inter-collegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Nationals at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Wendy Halberg, Ann Olson, Elaine Fisher, Sue Wilson and Jan Model will be accompanied by coach Henrietta Heiny.

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That card, though, does have a useful purpose. On it is the proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the University of Oregon Bookstore, Inc. In a nutshell, that amendment would extend the terms of office of all persons elected to the student-faculty Board of Directors to two years. At present, there are six Board positions that carry a two year term of office, but the other four positions are for only one year. Hence, every year seven positions on the Board of Directors come up for election. The amendment provides for the yearly election of five directors for two year terms.

The Bookstore is a large and complex organization. Each year it distributes around three million dollars worth of books, school supplies and other goods to some twenty thousand students, faculty and classified staff members. As a non-profit corporation it is required to operate under the requirements of the corporation laws of the State of Oregon.

The Board of Directors works together with the Bookstore's management to determine what policies can be employed to best serve the consumer needs of the students, faculty and classified staff. In order for the Board to most effectively serve this function, it is necessary for each director to acquire an understanding of the mechanics of operating such a large and complex organization. All too often, by the time a director who is elected for a one year term learns enough about the Bookstore's operation to make a meaningful contribution to the shaping of its policies, that person's term of office has nearly expired.

The Board of Directors has concluded that future Boards would be able to better serve the consumer needs of the Bookstore's members if each director were elected to a two year term. Consequently, the Board has decided to put this amendment to a vote of the members.

Instead of holding a special election earlier this year, the Board decided to hold the voting on the amendment in conjunction with this year's election of directors. Hence, if the amendment passes, no present director or director elected in this year's election will have his or her term of office extended. In fact, the amendment would not take effect completely until the 1978 election of directors. The amendment must receive at least two thirds of the votes cast to pass. The voting will be held May 3rd through 7th in the Bookstore lobby and all University of Oregon students, faculty members and classified staff members are eligible to vote.

The Board of Directors feels it is a good amendment and urges you to vote for it.

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