

We Saw the Game

And it looked as though there were four or five hundred others having a look!

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Basket ball! Well, it doesn't lack for activity. It's actually fast and furious and no place for a player who is afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism or the gout. We saw, without being put next, that the old saying, "Quick action for your money," holds good. The "quintets" – we said q-u-i-n-t-e-t-s - ouch! moved over that floor just as though they had been injected with a shot or two of "double greased lightning."

The ball – isn't anything like a base ball that we know for sure – looked to us like a toy-balloon you buy at the Putnam County Fair. Any time a player got it, he had both hands full instead of one. He'd bounce it up-and-down on the floor and then slam it at some other player, and all the time they were trying to work that ball to the end of the room, where, up the wall a few feet, was a receptacle they introduced to us as a basket. We were told that the object is to put the ball in that basket, and when they did put it

in the basket the darn ball wouldn't stay because there was a hole in the bottom, yet it counted so many points – and how that crowd would yell.

We heard some one say, "That player there has 'shot' four or five baskets." We wondered how he could shoot four or five baskets when there were but two in the Armory and not a gun of any kind.

The base lines in basket ball are crooked and are all over the floor – not anything like base ball. The refumpiree called no one out for running out of line. Now and then we would hear the word "foul," that would bring to our mind the base ball bat, but in this game they have no use for bats – except a "bat" in the eye occasionally.

Result of the High School game was Deshler 17 and Ottawa 19.