OLYMPIC HEADS ADD BASKETBALL TO BERLIN MEET

Cage Game Will Be Included as Contest Sport for First Time, due to Work of Dr. Allen

BEGUN BY NAISMITH

Invention of Kansan Has Become Popular Sport in Foreign Countries

Basketball has been adopted as one of the contest games at the Eleventh Olympic games at Berlin in 1936. Advice that the committee in charge had made this decision was received today by Dr. J. C. Allen, director of athletics at the University of Kansas, and chairman of the Olympics committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and of the National Basketball Rules committee.

For six years Dr. Allen has been working to have basketball recognized as one of the demonstration games at the Olympics, and narrowly missed obtaining such recognition for the game at the Los Angeles games. Now word comes that the game has been adopted as a contest sport, and Dr. Allen anticipates that teams from 18 or 20 different countries will be entered.

Invented Basketball

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Inventor of Basketball Celebrates Birthday Here

Dr. James A. Naismith, 74 Came to University in 1898

Dr. James A. Naismith, professor of physical education and inventor of basketball, was 74 yesterday.

Before coming to the University of Kansas in 1898, Dr. Naismith was instructor of physical education at Springfield College, from 1893 until 1896. After leaving Springfield College he was physical education director of the Y.M.C.A. in Denver, Colo. During the World War, Dr. Naismith was head of the department of hygiene of the international Y.M.C.A. He was one of the first professors to leave the University for war work.

He has been made "honorary chairman" for life of the national basketball rules committee, and was awarded the Turbill Medalion for distinguished service during the commencement exercises last spring at Springfield College.

Dr. Naismith's game has been adopted as one of the contest games at the Eleventh Olympic games at Berlin in 1936, and he has been an honorary member of the Committee of Thirteen, which will direct American basketball competition in the Berlin Olympics.