Dr. Naimishty Recalls First Basketball Game as New York Plans to Re-enact Scene

The young instructor, a soccer ball in hand, addressed the group of lightly-clad youngsters whose gazes were riveted on the peach baskets, one nailed to the wall of each basketball gymnasium.

He explained, "For one side to get the ball in a basket, it must have the ball, striking it with the fist, or holding, tripping, pushing, or shoulder a shoulder, while the other side tries to prevent that."

That scenario, enacted at the old gymnasium on that long-ago March day in 1891, set the ground for what is known today as basketball. The now-stately, 74-year-old Dr. James A. Naimishty of the University of Pennsylvania, department, expressed keen interest in re-creating the game that first appeared in Madison Square Garden. In fact, Dr. Naimishty added, "It was a complete success.

MRS. NAISMITH DIES
Heart Attack Fatal to Wife of Basketball Inventor

Dr. James Naimishty, wife of the internationally known professor of physical education, Mrs. Naimishty, died of a heart attack this morning at her home at 1708 East Massachusetts street. Although her health for several years, death came suddenly following a heart attack in the night.

Mrs. Naimishty had been a resident of the city for 50 years, coming here in 1895 as a young girl with her parents, John and Elizabeth, who had accepted a position as teachers in the school system of Kansas. They were married five years earlier in Sophield, Kansas. Dr. Naimishty was the student instructor at the Springfield Seminary.

She was born in Springfield in 1845, the daughter of John Naimishty. Dr. Naimishty while he was a student at the Springfield Seminary, PA, invented the game of basketball and his wife was he first girl's basketball team. This unique fact is revealed in a series of letters to the First American Church at the American University, Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First American Church, Saturday morning, with Dr. Naimishty delivering the eulogy.

NAISMITH ON TRIP
Accompanied by Duke D'Ambra, He Visits in Canada

Dr. James Naimishty of the University of Kansas physical education staff, and his partner, will leave Monday evening by auto for a month's trip which will take them to England, France, Germany, the United States and United to Canada. The two men will return from Aspinwall, PA, will accompany Dr. Naimishty and D'Ambra on the trip.

Dr. Naimishty will attend the Canadian Physical Education commencement week which will be held the month. They have been invited to graduate for the train school from the school in 1891.

After that the two men will visit with Dr. Naimishty and Dr. D'Ambra will remain in the country for a month of March. They plan to take pictures of interesting sights and places and also do some travel and study in the South.