PREFACE

Basketball is American in origin, to-day it is one of the most popular games in the world. Though the game of basketball was introduced to India around 1908, it has not passed the infancy stage. But history reveals that a great deal of interest has been taken to promote basketball all over India by popular Physical Educationists and Sports promoters. This is true to Karnataka when Physical Educationist and Sports promoters popularised the game and showed Karnataka teams supremacy during 1940s, 1950s and 1960s by reaching final stage in National Championship, where the standard of each state team is assessed. When other states in India picked up the game, Karnataka in turn started loosing in the National Championship after 1964. The slide has been very steady and rarely has Karnataka State Basketball made a mark in the recent years.

The investigator being a university and state player (All Star player of India) and a worker in the field of Physical Education, thought that an analysis of basketball, in Karnataka, may offer information of value to the effort of revival of the game in Karnataka. And also of value to the profession which has the responsibility to care for basketball in Karnataka. The analysis has covered most of the facets of the game in Karnataka.

In presenting this report the Footnote – Bibliography and the Author – and-year references-cited format have been usefully combined to ensure proper organisation and clarity, on the lines recommended by Campbell and Ballou (1974).
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