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The Origin of "Hoops"

Basketball is the only sport that can truly claim to be all American, it was invented in December 1891 by James Naismith a Canadian instructor at the ymca training colege in Springfield Massachusetts. His students were bored with gym, and complained about a regimen of class marching and calisthenics. After a period of trial and error. Naismith invented a game that use two peach baskets and a soccer ball. The baskets was attached at oposet sides of the gym. The object of the game was simple: to put the ball on into one of the baskets and to keep the other team from putting the ball into the other basket. Basketball caught on quick American GI's brought the game with them in world war I and soon the whole world was playing "hoops."



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