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GARDEN'S BOSS OF BASKETBALL DENIES CHARGE

Promoter Irish Explains He Only Leases Arena to Contesting Teams.

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Colleges of the country specializing in basketball whose authorities have hesitated—as Kansas University had done until recently—about agreeing to send their teams to the intersectional matches at the Madison Square Garden will no doubt be interested in the manner and methods by which these affairs are conducted. They were set forth in a talk with Ned Irish, the Garden's basketball promoter.

"As director of basketball at the Madison Square Garden," he said, "I am not a professional promoter in any sense of the word. I am concerned only with the full use of basketball facilities and dates available.

"We lease the Garden court only to New York city institutions of higher education who, in turn, arrange their games with teams from outside the city. At no time since I have been director of basketball have there been any games between two outside schools or between professional teams in the Garden."

Exceptions to this statement, Irish points out, relate to the 1936 Olympic try-outs under the direction and control of the American Olympic Committee and the post-season National Invitation Tournament, which is conducted under the direction and supervision of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee composed of ten local institutions.

Question of Accommodation.

Why do not these local institutions play their games on their own courts?