

PLAYERS TELL STORY TO JURY IN BRIBE CASE

Call Brooklyn Coach at Night Session.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 30 [Special].
—The Kings county grand jury met in special session tonight to investigate gambling in intercollegiate basketball and to inquire into charges that two Brooklyn gamblers gave five Brooklyn college players a bribe of \$1,000 to throw the game scheduled against Akron in the Boston Garden tomorrow night. The jurors acted on the earlier demand of Kings County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, formerly a noted criminal lawyer and an ardent sports fan.

The five Brooklyn players involved were on hand to testify, and the jurors sent for Coach Maurice [Tubby] Raskin to hear his version of the case.

Drop Players from Team.

Brooklyn college authorities deplored the incident but announced that the team would complete its schedule, with the exception of the Akron game, which was canceled. The five players who confessed they accepted a down payment of \$1,000 on a \$3,000 bribe offered them to throw the Akron game, were dropped from the team. If the confession of the players holds up in court, college officials implied, the boys will be expelled.

The youths are Bob Leder, captain and star of the team; Bernard Barnett, the Kingsmen's second best man; Jerry Green, Stanley Simon, and Larry Pearlstein. All except Pearlstein were starters.

Gambler Denies Charges.

Harvey Stemmer of Brooklyn was held in \$2,500 bail in Brooklyn Felony court for further hearing Feb. 5 on charges of conspiracy and giving a bribe. Stemmer stoutly denied the charges, saying he had given the money "to a friend of a friend so he could bet it on Akron to win." Stemmer pointed out that "Akron was a favorite, anyhow." The authorities had more serious business for Harry Rosen to face and the basketball business had to wait. He was arraigned in Felony court, Manhattan, where he was held in \$25,000 bail for grand jury action on

Wilson Cites Steps Against Gambling Evil

BY EDWARD PRELL.

Northwestern and other schools of the middle west long have been cognizant of the infiltration of gambling elements in college basketball, Kenneth L. [Tug] Wilson, athletic director at the Big Ten university, said last night. And, he declared, all the precautions at their command have been taken to stamp out the evil.

This was his answer when asked his reaction to the Brooklyn college basketball scandal in which five players admitted collusion with gamblers to throw a game.

Wilson, a director of the National Collegiate Athletic association, said this group previously had warned the colleges and universities of the middle west to take every step to prevent dissemination of information to operators of form sheets used in basketball betting pools.

Gets Anonymous Calls.

"Players, coaches, and others concerned have been instructed not to give any facts on games coming up, the condition of the team, or other factors which might reveal inside information," Wilson said. He added that many anonymous calls are received at the Northwestern athletic department obviously for the purpose of obtaining clues which would be valuable in determining proper odds.

Operators of the basketball pools are said to have student representatives or "spotters" on each campus, who furnish up to the minute tips on each team in exchange for a fee.

Wilson said that both Northwestern and De Paul, the mainstays of the Chicago Stadium basketball double header programs, send plain clothes men among the spectators to watch for gambling. During last Saturday's double header in the west side arena police ejected three fans for allegedly betting on the games.

Have Five More at Stadium.

The Wildcats have played two games in the Stadium this season and have five more scheduled there. Two will be played this week against Purdue Friday and Notre Dame Saturday.

Northwestern is playing in the Stadium largely because of the circumstance of being without a home site except Evanston Township High school, which does not have adequate seating capacity to accommodate fans at the more important games. Patten gymnasium, where the team formerly played, was torn down before the war, and the present building has no seating