

mention the "pick off" play that is called when an offensive team passes the ball in one direction and the player cuts across the court in another direction. Even though the cutting player makes no contact, he is immediately called for a "pick off". The story goes around to the effect that a western player had passed the ball in one direction and had cut the other way, and was called for a "pick off". The player said to the official, "I wasn't doing a thing. I never touched him." "I know," the referee said, "but I detected evil in your eye." Officials rule on act and not intent, but back east they call this play for obvious intent.

In your article you state that "Allen should have named some names." I am wondering if Ned Irish gave out this information. I am enclosing a copy of the wire which I sent him regarding Albie Ingerman. Ned wrote me and denied it, but I have definite information otherwise. There were two of the boys mixed up with Interman, and it is alleged on very good authority that each of them received \$500 from the gamblers. One of the boys became frightened the night before the game, went to his father and the father and he went to the police. This happened before the game, and both boys were barred.

I have this information definitely from the teammates of these boys. Neither Ingerman or the other boys played any ball, but Ned said one boy was injured badly and the other boy got sick. But Josh Cody had to get some high school boys enrolled to finish out his tournament.

I have this from one of the top sports writers in New York: "Apparently Temple knew what it was doing last spring when that kid was quietly allowed to drop out, but that is an example of local authorities handling a case to everyone's satisfaction." So you see the sports writers did know all about it, and yet everyone over the country denied it.

Another line from an outstanding sports writer: "A gambler on the inside who has talked to me insists that those things which are supposed to have happened came because the New York crowd fixed up one game to take the Philadelphia crowd, and the Philadelphians retaliated."

On October 24, 1944, I sent this wire to Lawton Carver: "Your statement that I have backed down is untrue. I stated that certain eastern writers have minimized the gambling hazard, and your story prompts me to believe that you are one of them. As far as my getting out of the game I am in is concerned, I suggest you apply the same yardstick to yourself in your profession. What could you know of how much basketball has given me?"

Carver had said that I backed down and named no names, and I am wondering if Irish ever gave him or the other boys the information that I had sent him Ingerman's name, which caused this outburst from Carver.