

Allen Repeats Bookie Charge

LAWRENCE, Kan., Feb. 1 (UP)—Dr. Forrest C. Allen, the University of Kansas coach who last September predicted a "Black Sox" gambling scandal in basketball, had his answer today for the staff of a horse racing magazine who protested his charge that bookies were going into intercollegiate athletics.

The staff of the Thoroughbred Record, Lexington, Ky., wired Allen demanding that he either supply information to substantiate his charge or retract it.

In return, Allen shot back a wire urging the magazine to "have its operatives call at 510 North Dearborn street, Chicago, where you will find a nationally-known bookmaker who has operated big time racing forms and who now is operating big time basketball form charts, quoting odds on all of the important games played in the United States."

The record staff asserted that horse racing has been "accused unjustly in the past months of everything from the manpower problem to the gasoline shortage. We don't think it is either legitimate or decent of you to attempt shifting the blame for crookedness in your own game into a sport which is entirely innocent of the wrongdoing attributed to it."

To that, Allen said: "I assure you we are not attempting to shift the blame. We are putting it where it belongs."

Allen said he had in his possession horse racing form charts sent out by Milton J. Danenberg of Chicago. He said that Danenberg operated from the Dearborn street address and now was sending out form charts quoting odds on basketball games throughout the nation.

The Record wired that "our information is that neither Harry Rosen nor Harvey Stemmer, the men involved in the Brooklyn College case, has ever been identified with racing in any capacity."

Allen charged that there were several different syndicates operating in the basketball betting picture and that "when one mob starts out to get another, that's where the fixing comes in."

He declared that in Lawrence alone there were 20 different places—drug stores, confectionaries, grocery stores—where a bet can be placed on a basketball game.

"And the storekeepers get 20 per cent for handling the bets," he added, "just like the old slot machine cut."