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Dear Sir,

I hope you'll forgive my intrusion into the controversy aroused by your claims as to "thrown" games at Madison Square Garden.

Geo. M. Varnell's blast at you in the Wed. D. J. 25, 1944 "Seattle Times" aroused me and led to this letter. In his column he suggests quite emphatically that you either prove your statement or be banned from basketball.

Formerly a resident of N. Y. and familiar with most of the basketball players five and six years ago I may be able to shed some light on the situation. I, too, have no actual proof of "thrown" games but I can offer suggestions which may lead you to actual proof of the gambling activities by New York's gambling fraternity.

The principle incident I have in mind is an N. Y. U. - C. C. N. Y. game about 6 years ago which a highly favored N. Y. U. team lost. It was common neighborhood knowledge and gossip that the game had been thrown and members of the families of the N. Y. U. players had wagered heavily on C. C. N. Y. to win.

Bobby Lewis participated for N. Y. U. and was so incensed by his teammates' obvious tactics that he tried single handedly to win the game. I'm sure he could aid you in any trouble you might have because of your charges on the gambling