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Mr. Robert Fuoss,
Managing Editor,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia 5, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fuoss:

I will endeavor to give you fulsome information regarding my knowledge of the gambling situation in Ned Irish's circuit.

I am enclosing a letter from Sam Smith, United Press sports editor in Kansas City, Mo. Sam, a Missouri man, wrote me for a basketball yarn. I try to accommodate the boys when I can. On September 22 I dictated a letter rather hastily to give him some ammunition.

Mr. Fuoss, my primal purpose in giving Smith this information was to arouse the university and college presidents of the United States to what I considered their duty in preventing a collegiate scandal that might rival or excel the Black Sox scandal. Certainly I did not desire to take a crack at Ned Irish, nor was I that "lone voice crying in the wilderness" endeavoring to purify college athletics by remote control. But rather, I wanted to give not only the college presidents, but the public, some startling facts regarding the gambling racketeering which I thought they did not know.

If the college presidents could get a czar like Judge Landis in intercollegiate athletics, - and it could be done, - then educational institutions would regain the prestige they have lost through the proselyting, subsidizing, recruiting and gambling.

This gambling situation does not pertain to college games alone. The high school games are getting as bad. I am enclosing a clipping from Lt. Jim Reed regarding the high school games at Miami, and I am sending you a confidential copy of the letter he wrote me together with his clipping.

Much of this stuff you necessarily cannot use, but it will give you the background that will enable you to hit the thing the hardest.

I am also sending you a letter from Asa Bushnell, a copy of my letter to him, and his reply. I have not heard from him as yet, but I am sure that he recognizes the vulnerability of his position.

Now, to the meat of the thing. My son, Robert E. Allen, M.D., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School this past year.