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## BASKETBALL GAMBLING RIFE, AVERS ALLEN

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 21. (A)—Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, Kansas University basketball coach and critic, sees gamblers as the termites who are about to fell the castle of intercollegiate athletics, but denied today that he had said games were thrown in Madison

"I said there had been two known cases of college boys throwing basketball games in Eastern tournaments," Phog explained when asked if he had received a telegram from Ned Irish, president of the Garden, asking for names of the offending players.

"I'm not striking at Ned Irish or any other promoter," the loquacious doctor maintained. "The point I'm making is that these big time betting boys are going to get to basketball and football players and ruin so-called amateur collegiate sports.

"Nothing Irish or any coach or promoter can do will stop the gamblers. Only the college presidents can stop it by appointing an absolute czar such as baseball has in Judge Landis."

Allen said that he held Irish in high esteem and that basketball tournaments held in the Garden were run on the up and up.

"But gambling is rampant in the Garden and every other auditorium where tourneys are held," Allen added.



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